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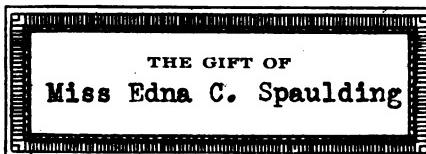
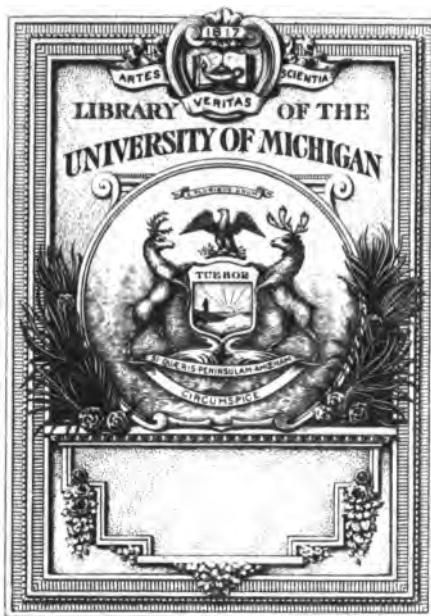
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FRANK SCADDEN
M. I. GRAND MASTER
Elected May 19, 1919.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

CHARLES ADDLN

BORN IN LIVERPOOL, Master 1819-1821

Companion Charles Addln is a native of Cokewall, England, and was born there October 29th, 1857. Coming to this country he first engaged in mining, was educated in the Public Schools, and then took up the study of mining, finally reaching the rank of Mining Engineer. At present he is engaged in the business of mining.

He was married at Liverpool, England, December 29th, 1897, to Miss Ethel May, and two children have been born to them, consisting of a son, Frank Clive, Frank Jr. For some time past he has resided in Crystal Falls. He has one of the finest homes in that thriving little city. On account of the high altitude, the family seeks solace in a private island in the center of a lake, where none may molest nor disturb. Once a year he invites the members of his Council and their families, who may be temporarily sojourning in that section, to the seclusion of the island and regale them with good and other seasonable delicacies.

Companion Scadden early became interested in the Masonic Fraternity and was initiated in Negaunee Lodge No. 202 on May 17th, 1881, completing his Master Mason degree June 6th, 1884, in Quintesee Lodge No. 362. On the organization of Crystal Falls Lodge No. 385, he became charter member and was its first Junior Warden. Elected Worshipful Master 1892-1893.

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M. I. Grand Master 1919-1920.

Companion Frank Scadden is a native of Cornwall, England, and was born there November 29th, 1857. Coming to this country in his younger days, he was educated in the Public Schools and then took up the work of mining, finally reaching the position of Mining Superintendent. At present he is actively engaged as a mine broker.

He was married at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, February 29th, 1897, to Miss Ethel Mary Vivian and a nice family has been born to them, consisting of Alberta Vivian, Herbert Clive, Frank Jr. For some time past his home has been at Crystal Falls. He has one of the most picturesque residences in that thriving little city. When the summer suns reach the high altitude, the family seeks the cooling breezes of Frank's own little highland island in the center of Fortune Lake where none may molest nor disturb. One of his favorite treats is to invite the members of his Council and any Grand Officers who may be temporarily sojourning in that vicinity, to seek the seclusion of the island and regale them with chicken dinners and other seasonable delicacies.

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No. 107, at Menominee, Michigan, as follows: Mark Master, Oct. 18th; Past Master, Nov. 29th; Most Excellent Master, Nov. 29th; Royal Arch, Nov. 29th, 1884. He was a charter member of Crystal Falls Chapter No. 129. He was elected High Priest in 1895-6-7 and again in 1903 serving continuously up to the present time.

He passed the Circle of Perfection and was greeted a Super Excellent Master, October 22nd, 1896, in becoming a charter member of King Cyrus Council No. 67, at Crystal Falls. He has been its T. I. Master from 1900 to the present time. His name had only to be mentioned to secure his prompt election as Grand Steward in the Grand Council of Michigan in 1914 and he has successively passed through the official lines and was elected M. I. Grand Master, May 19, 1919.

He was Knighted in Menominee Commandery No. 35 K. T. February 7, 1885. He became a charter member of Hugh McCurdy Commandery No. 43, at Crystal Falls and served as its Eminent Commander in 1894-95 and 1908.

He received the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to the 32° in Dewitt Clinton Consistory at Grand Rapids, April 21st, 1887. On the organization of the Consistory at Marquette, he transferred his allegiance to that place.

He crossed the sands of the desert in Medina Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 26th, 1890, transferring his allegiance upon the organization of Ahmed Temple at Marquette. He was elected Potentate of that Temple for the years 1918-1919.

He received the Order of High Priesthood in Michigan Grand Council, January 15th, 1917.

Companion Scadden has just closed the most successful year in the history of the Cryptic Rite in the State of Michigan, with a net gain of 1,002 in the membership and active work done by nearly every council in the State. This net gain is nearly double that of any previous year in the history of the Grand Council. It has been his ambition to see the membership of the Grand Council equal or exceed that of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and it is to be hoped that his ambition may soon be realized.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
AT THE
Sixty-second Annual Assembly
AT SAGINAW

Commencing Monday, May 17, 1920

Published by Authority of the Grand Chapter

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CHRONOLOGY

TITLES OF MEETINGS AND DATES, OF BODIES COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF MASONS.

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A. L.), "in the year of light."

Lodges F. & A. M. hold "Communications". Add 4000 to 1920 equals A.'.L.'. 5920.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. I.), "in the year of discovery."

Chapters R. A. M. hold "Convocations". Add 530 to 1920, equals A.'.L.'. 2450.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositonis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Councils R. and S. M. hold "Assemblies". Add 1000 to 1920, equals A.'.Dep.'. 2920.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, Anno Ordinis (A. O.), "in the year of the order."

Commanderies K. T. hold "Conclaves". Subtract 1118 from 1920 equals A.'.O.'. 802.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchesidek, Anno Benedictionis (A. B.), "in the year of the blessing."

Councils of Anointed High Priests hold "Convocations". Add 1913 to 1920, equals A.'.B.'. 3833.

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.'.M.'), "in the year of the world."

Consistories A. and A. S. R. hold "Rendezvous". Add 3760 to 1920, equals A.'.M.'. 5680.

Temples A. A. O. N. M. S. hold "Sessions". Each thirty years from the Hejra, or July 15, A.'.D.'. 622, constitute a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days and eleven 356.

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Miss Edna C. Johnson
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TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Organized at Detroit, January 13, 1858)

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

First Day—Evening Session

*Saginaw, Michigan,
Monday, May 17, 1920.
At 7:30 P. M.*

Opening

The Sixty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was called to order at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, May 17, 1920, in Masonic Temple in the City of Saginaw, M. I. Grand Master Frank Scadden presiding. The Grand Chaplain led the companions in opening prayer.

Distinguished Visitors

The Grand Sentinel announced distinguished visitors and the Grand Master requested Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. M.

I. G. M., to induct the visitors, and the remaining Past Grand Masters were appointed to act as escort.

Companion Otto B. Cornell, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Ohio, and also Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan near the Grand Council of Ohio, was then presented, introduced and received with the Grand Honors. In welcoming this distinguished Companion, who comes from Westerville, Ohio, our Grand Master alluded to the world-wide fame of that city through the great campaign of the Anti Saloon League, and particularly mentioned the fact that "Pussyfoot" Johnson went from there to England to start the move to make it "dry". The unfortunate accident to Johnson had produced the slogan: "Johnson's eye will put England dry." He also welcomed our visitor as the Grand Master of the largest Grand Council in the world.

Companion Cornell responded with sincere thanks for the cordial welcome extended to him and expressed the hope that the neighborly relations already enjoyed by the two jurisdictions would continue and grow into the closest bonds of brotherhood. Ohio reported a total membership of 27,779 and a net gain of 3,828, with 4,303 advanced in the last year.

Companion Charles B. Eddy, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Michigan, was then introduced and cordially welcomed by the M. I. Grand Master. Companion Eddy made a fitting response.

Companion George W. Leedle, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan, then presented Companion Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and who is also Past M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Iowa, Past M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Iowa and Past R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Iowa. Companion Craig was presented at the East

and received with the Grand Honors of Masonry and continued applause, responding to the cordial welcome extended.

Roll Call

The Grand Recorder then called the roll of Grand Council, after which as Credential Committee he reported the following members present and entitled to seats in Grand Council:

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS.

FRANK SCADDEN.....	M. I. Grand Master
H. BURR LEE.....	Deputy Grand Master
ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR.....	Grand Prin. Cond. of Work
DALLAS DOW ALTON.....	Grand Treasurer
CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER.....	Grand Recorder
FRANK VINTON HALE.....	Grand Lecturer
REV. JOHN CLAFLIN.....	Grand Chaplain
HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM.....	Grand Captain
WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON.....	Grand Conductor of Council
CHARLES WADE MIXER.....	Grand Steward
JAMES F. McGREGOR.....	Grand Sentinel

PAST M. I. GRAND MASTERS.

GEORGE HILL	EMORY TOWNSEND
WILLIAM G. HUDSON	WILLIAM P. PERRY
EMERSON M. NEWELL	JOHN NICHOL
GEORGE A. CROSS	FRANK P. WILCOX
JOHN H. KINGSLEY	LOU BARNEY WINSOR
DALLAS D. ALTON	FRANK V. HALE
FRANK O. GILBERT	CHARLES E. CONVERSE

STANDING COMMITTEES.

JURISPRUDENCE.

LOU B. WINSOR.	ELWIN F. BROWN.
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FINANCE.

FRANK P. WILCOX.	MICHAEL B. McGEE.
GEORGE W. LEEDLE.	

OBITUARIES.

WILL A. THAYER.

DORR DARLING.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLES A. CONOVER.

RITUAL.

CHARLES A. CONOVER.

FRANK V. HALE.

FRANK O. GILBERT.

MASONIC WAR RELIEF BOARD.

CHARLES A. CONOVER.

CHARLES E. CONVERSE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCILS.

MONROE NO. 1—Milton R. Palmer, T. I. M.; Daniel W. McMillan, D. M.
PONTIAC NO. 3—Richard C. Cummings, proxy T. I. M.
RIVER RAISIN NO. 4—Oscar J. McBride, D. M.
JONESVILLE NO. 5—Dorr Darling, T. I. M.
MOUNT MORIAH No. 6—Lloyd L. Livermore, proxy T. I. M. and P. C. W.
MOUNT CLEMENS NO. 8—Neil E. Reid, T. I. M.
ZABUD NO. 9—William E. Goff, T. I. M.
TYRE NO. 10—George King Phillips, P. T. I. M. and proxy T. I. M.
UNION NO. 11—Oron J. R. Bury, T. I. M.
IONIA NO. 12—Walter T. Smith, proxy T. I. M.
STURGIS NO. 13—Not represented.
MOUNT ARARAT NO. 15—William P. Perry, T. I. M.; James S. Potter, D. M.; Eben L. Smith, proxy P. C. W.
PUTNAM NO. 16—Thomas H. Howes, proxy T. I. M.; Frank V. Hale, P. T. I. M.
ADRIAN NO. 18—Asa W. Aldrich, proxy T. I. M.
NILES NO. 19—Will A. Thayer, T. I. M.
SAGINAW NO. 20—Charles M. Welch, T. I. M.; John P. Wood, D. M.; Fred Dustin, P. T. I. M.; Sylvester Thayer, P. T. I. M.
ST. JOHNS NO. 21—J. Charles Flynn, T. I. M.
PORTLAND NO. 23—Joseph Morse, proxy T. I. M.
ADONIRAM NO. 24—John H. Kingsley, P. T. I. M.
KING SOLOMON NO. 25—Edward C. Amphlett, P. T. I. M. and proxy T. I. M.
CLINTON NO. 26—David W. Palmer, D. M.
OCEANA NO. 27—Charles B. Eddy, proxy T. I. M.
LANSING NO. 29—Willard B. Oakes, T. I. M.

- JACKSON NO. 32—Frank J. Wheaton, T. I. M.; Robert H. Hunt, P. T. I. M.
ITHACA NO. 33—W. Webb McCall, T. I. M.; Leland Helfer, D. M.
BLANCHARD NO. 34—Homer W. Whaley, D. M.
UNION CITY NO. 35—Lewis D. Wilcox, T. I. M.
CHARLOTTE NO. 36—Wesley J. Hauenstein, T. I. M.
NEBUZARADAN NO. 37—Orin F. Howard, P. T. I. M.; proxy T. I. M. and D. M.
CORUNNA NO. 38—Harry Eesley, T. I. M.; Louis N. Sheardy, P. T. I. M.
HOLLY NO. 39—Ernest C. Walton, D. M.
LAWRENCE NO. 43—George A. Cross, P. T. I. M. and proxy T. I. M.
ST. JOSEPH NO. 44—Henry E. Lick, T. I. M.
SOUTH HAVEN NO. 45—John W. Swoap, proxy T. I. M.
MANISTEE NO. 46—Charles W. O'Donnell, proxy T. I. M.
LUDINGTON NO. 48—Engval A. Pearson, T. I. M.
GIBLUM NO. 49—Frank E. Adair, proxy T. I. M.
LESLIE NO. 50—Not represented.
PETOSKEY NO. 52—Zane H. Pearson, D. M.; Edward E. Gilbert, P. C. W.; H. Burr Lee, P. T. I. M.
BAY CITY NO. 53—M. Seth Babcock, T. I. M.
MUSKEGON NO. 54—Albert W. Stewart, T. I. M.
REED CITY NO. 55—Carl W. Tiffany, T. I. M.
FLINT NO. 56—Fred Tiedeman, T. I. M.
ALBION NO. 57—Dean Young, proxy T. I. M.
SAHGONAHKATO NO. 58—Theodore S. North, proxy T. I. M. and proxy D. M.
MARINE CITY NO. 59—Rowland G. Baker, T. I. M.
INVERNESS NO. 60—R. Hinkley, proxy T. I. M.
TRAVERSE CITY NO. 61—Fred G. Heumann, T. I. M.; A. W. Bruce proxy D. M.
GRAND LEDGE NO. 62—J. Mason Soper, T. I. M.
KALAMAZOO NO. 63—Rowland L. Soule, T. I. M.
WILLIAMSON NO. 64—Chas. E. Morrison, proxy T. I. M.; Geo. L. Bishop, D. M.; Albert J. Rockwell, P. C. W.
HIAWATHA NO. 65—Harry Erickson, T. I. M.; George H. Thomas, P. C. W.
KING CYRUS NO. 67—Michael B. McGee, P. C. W.
ST. LOUIS NO. 68—Elias C. Phillips, T. I. M.
SAULT STE. MARIE NO. 69—Thomas E. Foard, proxy T. I. M.
CADILLAC NO. 70—Charles H. Sinclair, T. I. M.; James A. Foster, P. C. W.
DAVID S. KENDALL NO. 71—Not represented.

MARQUETTE NO. 72—Ranson A. Manhurd, proxy T. I. M.; Clayton P. Frei, proxy D. M.
 LIVINGSTON NO. 73—William E. Beach, P. T. I. M. and proxy, T. I. M.
 FRED L. WELLS NO. 74—C. H. Dart, proxy T. I. M.
 DARIUS NO. 75—Charles E. Anderson, proxy T. I. M.
 FREMONT NO. 76—James Sullivan, proxy T. I. M.
 SANDUSKY NO. 77—Benjamin W. Moore, T. I. M.
 COLON NO. 78—Loren W. Clipfell, proxy T. I. M.
 MOUNT SINAI NO. 79—Frank Flanders, P. T. I. M. and proxy T. I. M.
 BESSEMER NO. 80—Pearce E. Graham, proxy T. I. M.
 CHARLEVOIX NO. 81—Mason H. Rose, T. I. M.
 BENZIE NO. 82—Willis V. Capron, T. I. M.; Byron W. Snider, D. M.
 EATON RAPIDS NO. 83—George W. Phillips, proxy T. I. M.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

No. Councils represented, 66; not represented, 3.	
No. Grand Officers present.....	11
No. Past Grand Masters present.....	14
No. Committeemen not officers or Past Masters.....	2
No. Representatives present.....	77
No. Past T. I. Masters not representatives or officers.....	5
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Total attendance	109

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

COLORADO—Emory Townsend.
 FLORIDA—George W. Leedle.
 ILLINOIS—Frank V. Hale.
 INDIANA—Chas. A. Conover.
 IOWA—John H. Kingsley.
 LOUISIANA—Charles E. Converse.
 MAINE—Frank P. Wilcox.
 MARITIME PROVINCES—H. Burr Lee.
 MASSACHUSETTS—Lou B. Winsor.
 MINNESOTA—Elias C. Phillips.
 MISSOURI—William G. Hudson.
 MONTANA—John Clafin.
 NEBRASKA—John Nichol.
 NEW JERSEY—Walter H. Booth.
 NEW YORK—Emerson M. Newell.
 NORTH CAROLINA—Willard B. Oakes.
 OHIO—George A. Cross.

OKLAHOMA—William P. Perry.
OREGON—Michael B. McGee.
PENNSYLVANIA—Dallas D. Alton.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Dorr Darling.
TENNESSEE—Frank O. Gilbert.
TEXAS—Andrew L. Arthur.
VERMONT—Frank Scadden.

Committees Appointed

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the committees to serve during this assembly as follows:

CREDENTIALS:

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Recorder.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:

Companions NEIL E. REID, No. 8.

CHARLES M. WELCH, No. 20.

FRANK FLANDERS, No. 79.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE:

Companions MILTON R. PALMER, No. 1.

WALTER T. SMITH, No. 12.

JAMES S. POTTER, No. 15.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS:

Companions FRANK O. GILBERT, P. G. M.

ALBERT W. STEWART, No. 54.

OBON J. R. BURY, No. 11.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Companions FRED G. HEUMANN, No. 61.

J. MASON SOPER, No. 62.

CHARLES E. MORRISON, No. 64.

RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS:

Companions FRANK J. WHEATON, No. 32.

WESLEY J. HAUENSTEIN, No. 36.

HENRY E. LICK, No. 44.

Grand Master's Address

The M. I. Grand Master, Frank Scadden, read his annual address, which was referred to the Committee on Division and Reference.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

DEAR COMPANIONS:

Through the kindly providence of our Supreme Grand Master we are again permitted to meet in Grand Council with unbroken ranks, and in His name I welcome you with open arms, outstretched hands and grateful heart, you, the representatives of 11,000 loyal supporters of the Cryptic Rite to this the Sixty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Body. For the years to come it will be to us a grateful memory that while the steps of time lead ever on toward the greener fields of endless day, we have tried in our feeble way to make the road a little easier for the fellow plodders upon this pathway. I am not unmindful of the great privilege of presiding over this Grand Assembly of the Cryptic Rite of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is an honor not to be passed over lightly. One year ago when I accepted this high office at your hands, I also accepted its responsibilities and duties, and today I have come from my home of the "eternal snows of Northern Michigan" to surrender to you the emblem of authority which you entrusted to me at that time. I have tried as far as it in me lies to "run the race" and to "keep the faith". I am now accounting to you for my official acts and ask you to pass judgment upon the character of my stewardship.

In making this surrender it is confessedly inspiring that at this time every council is in full fighting array, whole armour on, with face to the front, head erect, our flag of loyalty floating proudly over the ramparts and with no dis-sension in our ranks. I say to you, representatives of the subordinate councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, "Well done good and faithful servants," you have been faithful over a few things, 'twill help to make you rulers over many things.

One year ago we asked your co-operation in adding one thousand good men and true to our ranks. You accepted the challenge, caught the vision and went home with full determination to accomplish the task. You made good, you went over the top with a full quota of one thousand NET GAIN as early as last December and since that time you have added eight hundred more. Thus placing this Grand Jurisdiction fifth numerically in the United States. In greater gains we are the fourth in the United States, a truly enviable position, thus demonstrating what can be done under united efforts. There are two reasons to which I attribute this gain primarily, the unqualified support of every subordinate council; second, the introduction of the new Super Excellent degree, which teaches fidelity and introduces for our study earnest thought and consideration, some of the most striking characters of Old Testament history.

OBITUARY.

Companions, let us pass for a few moments from the consideration of Cryptic Masonry and give a few moments' thought to the memory of our illustrious dead.

Since last we met in Grand Council session, some of the choicest specimens of Cryptic Masonry of this Grand Jurisdiction have been transferred from this earthly temple to that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands but one that is eternal in the heavens. We pause in the midst of our deliberations to pay tribute to the memory of our companions who are still with us in that indissoluble chain of fraternal brotherhood and who are nearer and dearer to us than ever before.

On September 3, 1919, I received a wire from our Grand Recorder announcing the "passing" of our Most Illustrious Grand Master for 1898, also our Grand Treasurer for twenty years, 1899 to 1919, Charles Milan Norton. Oh! how we miss the charm of his personality, the wisdom of his counsel and the encouraging disposition. His popularity was not of the fleeting sort. He was just and generous, tried and true. His change from mortality to Life has created a vacancy that time

alone can fill. He was buried with Masonic honors at Lansing on September 5, 1919, under the auspices of Lansing Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar.

About a month before he left us, I received the following letter from Companion Norton:

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 1, 1919.

Frank Scadden,
Crystal Falls, Mich.
M. I. Grand Master:

Yours of July 12, 1919, received O. K. and more than glad to hear from you. I was in hopes I would have something cheerful to write you, but my show is one in a thousand. Only one thing to help and that is radium, and the doctor said he would have to look that up. But Frank, we have had some good times with the boys in times gone by, which of course could not last forever. Frank, give best word to the boys.

Yours,

CHAS. M. NORTON.

On January 5, 1920, our Grand Recorder conveyed by wire the intelligence that our Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1890, Travers Phillips, had passed under the "Ninth Arch", there to receive the "Well done" he so justly merited. Companion Phillips was a man of sound judgment and broad sympathies and an untiring worker in the ranks. His loss will be keenly felt.

While these illustrious companions had long passed the meridian of life, yet, withal they worked without intermission to the last and their final thought was "What of the Craft?"

Our Grand Recorder has given us the names of those who have passed to their eternal reward within our own jurisdiction during the past year, also those of our sister Grand Jurisdictions. It is our common experience to witness one after another of those most dear and near to us drop out of the ranks and pass to their reward, but we have the assurance that with the aid of that Divine Providence, we shall again meet in the land where there is no night. The Obituary Committee will give separate and detailed report of our honored dead. Suitable

Memorials were forwarded to each subordinate council. Your Grand Master could not attend the funeral of Companion Norton on account of the limited time in receiving the wire. Also found it impossible to attend the funeral of Companion Phillips on account of railroad blockade and I forwarded the following wire to our Grand Recorder: "Kindly convey to the bereaved family and friends, the sincere sympathy of the Cryptic Fraternity of Michigan in their sad bereavement."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year it has been my pleasure to nominate the following companions for Commissions as Grand Representatives of the several Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan:

MICHAEL B. McGEE, of King Cyrus No. 67, to Oregon.
WILLARD B. OAKES, of Lansing No. 9, to North Carolina.
ARTHUR M. OWEN, of Hiawatha No. 65, District of Columbia.

The following companions have been duly nominated by their respective Grand Masters of their respective States and commissions accepted as Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Michigan near the Sister Grand Councils:

R. STONE JACKSON, of Washington, near District of Columbia.
EDGAR WARREN BUTTERS, of Stockton, near California.

COUNCILS ON PROBATION.

For the past three or four years we have been endeavoring to resuscitate, to re-organize and revive dormant councils, but some of them seem to prefer to remain in a state of coma. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations last year dealt generously with them and recommended another year's respite and they have made good. For the last three years we have had a large number of "Zero Councils," councils that preferred to forward to the Grand Recorder a ZERO mark than even a figure 1, but during the past year, the infection has

stopped and our time instead of being consumed in applying artificial respiration, has been occupied in granting special dispensations for work and now we come before this body with a list of councils that were placarded, "On Probation" last year with the result of their labors:

	1919	1920
St. Louis No. 68.....	27	—
Sturgis No. 13, gain.....	11	0
Ithaca No. 33, gain.....	6	—
Bay City No. 63, gain.....	12	—
Sault Ste. Marie No. 69.....	3	4
Bessemer No. 80.....	1	5
Eaton Rapids No. 83.....	26	—
Oceana No. 27.....	7	—
Darius No. 75.....	7	17

Charlevoix No. 81 preferred a "major operation" from which it did recover, choosing to surrender their charter and consolidate with Petoskey. It is a pleasure to record the above advances. This can be duplicated again this year with even larger returns if the same enthusiasm be displayed by the various Masters and Officers and we bespeak for the incoming Grand Master the same support or even greater than was given your present Grand Master.

OFFICIAL BOND.

On June 17, 1919, the Grand Recorder forwarded me the bond of the new Grand Treasurer, Companion Dallas D. Alton, of Fremont, for approval in the sum of \$3,000.00, which was accordingly ratified and forwarded to Companion H. Burr Lee, Deputy Grand Master, and Companion Andrew L. Arthur, Grand P. C. W., for their approval. The bond is now in the hands of your Grand Master to be turned over to the incoming Grand Master. This bond expires on June 1st, 1920, and needs immediate attention.

BULLETINS.

On September 20, 1919, Bulletin No. 1, after mature deliberation, was issued from the Grand Master's office:

CRYSTAL FALLS, MICH., Sept. 20, 1919.

To the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Officers and Members of the Sub-ordinate Councils of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters:

In going over the ground thoroughly and analyzing it carefully, I find too large a number of our Councils "dead." Yes, "dead," and have been for years.

Is there any reason WHY this condition should exist? Of course not. There are at this moment 28,000 Royal Arch Masons in our grand old State, and only 9,200 Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters. Surely this is a fertile field for good live work. There is not the slightest reason WHY this discrepancy should exist. There are hundreds of Candidates just waiting to be asked to come into the fold and have the beauties of the Cryptic Rite exemplified to them.

It is the pleasure of your Grand Master to announce as a MOTTO for 1919, 1920,

"ONE THOUSAND CANDIDATES!"

While this to the subordinate Councils may seem a large number, it is not such an insurmountable task. We have 69 Chartered Councils. All should be stripped and ready for the bugle call. If each Council will get only 15 Candidates—the job is accomplished. Some of the Councils have already "gone over the top" with their quota. Now it is up to the officers of the Councils that have been slow in getting into the game to inject a little "pep" into the members, hold get-together-meetings, co-operate with your adjoining Councils and match swords. The new Super Excellent degree offers a splendid opportunity to display the latent talent in many of our Councils. Energize, fervorize, and pepperize. There is no such word as "cannot" in the vocabulary of Cryptic Masonry; it is always "Forward, March!"

It is up to the officers and members of the subordinate Councils to make this a memorable year in the Cryptic Rite in Michigan. It takes more than the Grand Officers to make a Grand Council; it takes its entire membership.

The Grand Council is what WE make it. This is OUR Grand Body. We want to make this year long to be remembered in this Grand Body, and with your help we can do it. We are counting on you to "do your bit." Shall we have it? Of course.

If you need aid in any way, each officer of the Grand Council

stands ready to assist you. The Grand Lecturer is always subject to your call. Don't hesitate to call on him. He will feel injured if you do not.

The Grand Recorder is preparing a booklet on "The Reason a Royal Arch Mason should receive The Cryptic Rite." These will be furnished in reasonable quantities to Councils that will use them judiciously in membership campaigns.

To the Councils that have been backward, let me say that hereafter it must be "Coats off," "sleeves rolled up," "get into the game and WIN." "The fields are ripe unto the harvest." Never such interest manifested in Masonry as at this moment. We must not let these GOLDEN moments pass without gathering some precious fruitage. The time is here and NOW; the opportunity is ours; let us embrace it.

It is ordered that this communication be read at the first assembly of the Council and noted on the minutes.

Zealously yours for the One Thousand Members,

Attest:

FRANK SCADDEN,

CHARLES A. CONOVER,

M. I. Grand Master.

Grand Recorder.

November 29, Bulletin No. 2 was issued, districting the State into nine divisions, allotting each Grand Officer the division nearest his home:

CRYSTAL FALLS, MICH., Nov. 29, 1919.

To the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Officers and Members of the Sub-ordinate Councils of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters:

GREETINGS:

After mature consideration, believing it will be for the best interests, the upbuilding and steady growth of Cryptic Masonry in our beloved commonwealth, we deem it advisable to district it among the Grand Officers, thereby furnishing the various councils with a "Mentor" within their immediate reach.

The aid given by these Grand Officers does not in any way lighten the labors of the Grand Lecturer or relieve the burdens of the Grand Master; the latter officers being considered free lances to assume additional duties wherever necessary.

In conformity with the above, the following schedule will be in effect until our next Grand Council Assembly:

1. FRANK SCADDEN, M. I. G. M., Crystal Falls.—King Cyrus No.

67, Bessemer No. 80, Marquette No. 72, David S. Kendall No. 71, Darius No. 75, Hiawatha No. 65, Sault Ste. Marie No. 69.

2. H. BURR LEE, D. G. M., Petoskey.—Petoskey No. 52, Charlevoix No. 81, Inverness No. 60, Sahgonahkato No. 58, Traverse City No. 61, Cadillac No. 70, Reed City No. 55.

3. ANDREW L. ARTHUR, G. P. C. W., Pontiac.—Sandusky No. 77, Fred L. Wells No. 74, Marine City No. 59, Holly No. 39, Pontiac No. 3, Mt. Clemens No. 8,

4. DALLAS D. ALTON, Gd. Tr., Fremont.—Oceana No. 27, Fremont No. 76, Muskegon No. 54, King Solomon No. 25, St. Louis No. 68.

5. CHAS. A. CONOVER, Gd. Rec., Coldwater.—Lawrence No. 43, St. Joseph No. 44, Niles No. 19, Colon No. 78, Mt. Sinia No. 79, Mt. Moriah No. 6, Sturgis No. 13, Jonesville No. 5, Mt. Ararat No. 15, Albion No. 57, Zabud No. 9, Union City No. 35, South Haven No. 45, Nebuzaradan No. 37.

6. FRANK V. HALE, Gd. Lect., Pontiac.—Jackson No. 32, River Raisin No. 4, Ithaca No. 33, Monroe No. 1, Union No. 11, Adoniram No. 24, Clinton No. 26, Blanchard No. 24, Adrian No. 18, Putnam No. 16, Bay City No. 53, Saginaw No. 20.

7. HOWARD E. SLOCUM, G. C. of G., Corunna.—Flint No. 56, St. Johns No. 21, Lansing No. 29, Livingston No. 73, Leslie No. 50, Corunna No. 38.

8. WILLIS V. CAPRON, G. C. C., Frankfort.—Benzie No. 82, Manistee No. 46, Ludington No. 48.

9. CHAS. W. MIXER, Gd. St., Hastings.—Gibium No. 49, Ionia No. 12, Portland No. 23, Grand Ledge No. 62, Charlotte No. 36, Eaton Rapids No. 83, Kalamazoo No. 63, Williamston No. 64.

Any officer or member of any subordinate council is to feel free to write the Grand Officer appointed to his district and ask any question or favor at any time and in fact is urged to do so. Any council desiring the personal attendance of the Grand Officer assigned to that council shall make such request, giving as much notice to the Grand Officer as convenient.

The booklets "The Reason a Royal Arch Mason Should Receive the Cryptic Rite, with History and Symbolism of the Cryptic Degrees," are ready for distribution. Tell the Grand Recorder how many you can use in your campaign for new members and they will be supplied free.

The following program is suggested:

1. Appoint a Membership Committee of live hustlers.
2. Committee shall make list of every eligible Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction with address. Get list from Secretaries of chapters.
3. Have this list printed or mimeographed sufficient to furnish a copy to each council member with request to invite each one as he may meet him, to join the council.

4. Mail a circular letter inviting the prospect to read the booklet, then sign the petition enclosed therewith and hand some member.
5. Supply each council member with a booklet and some blank petitions with request that each shall procure a signer if possible.
6. Hold regular meetings of the council and discuss plans and prospects. Do not try for big classes only. Frequent meetings make the work more familiar and increase the interest.
7. Remember there are three times as many Royal Arch Masons as council members in Michigan so you have plenty of material to work on.
8. Grand Officers stand ready to give you any assistance possible. An official emblem button given to each new member helps boost the council.

Yours for "1,000 new members,"

Attest:

FRANK SCADDEN,

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

M. I. Grand Master.

February 24, 1920, Bulletin No. 3 was issued urging all loyal members to co-operate with their officers in the upbuilding of the Cryptic Rite and with this a small folder entitled, "More Light," which I trust has been read with Masonic fervor, as it contains many splendid suggestions:

CRYSTAL FALLS, MICH., Feb. 24, 1920.

To the Re-elected and Newly Elected Thrice Illustrious Masters, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Councils of Michigan:

GREETINGS OF 1920:

As we stand upon the hill-crest of the horizon of this New Year and smile into the face of the world and take a glance down the vista of the coming year, we feel a quickened joy. It is indeed both a joy and a privilege to be given another opportunity to improve upon the year just passed.

We are living in an advanced age; living in a progressive period. We cannot "mark time" and expect to progress. No, this is a time of supreme strife. As in Industrialism, in Commercialism, in Evangelism, in Nationalism, so in Masonry.

As we assume our new responsibilities let this nerve us to nobler deeds and more heroic service. Our last year was one of phenomenal growth, making a net gain of 1,000 against 85 last year; all due to the combined efforts of the members of the entire Rite. We have had

splendid responses to our efforts and while we rejoice at the co-operative success let us not take it for granted that this will guarantee a GENERAL advance without continued effort. We must work assiduously for a still further advancement. Let the Cryptic Rite of Masonry in Michigan be a potent factor. Let us put on the full armor and go forth with a determined effort to make this year the "Greatest in our History." Our Past is secure, our Present is effervescing with Masonic enthusiasm. Our Future is rich in the promise of greater achievements. Let us be up and doing. A few years like the past will remove the Rite from the "Suppliant class" and our degrees will be in "demand."

Our Grand Recorder reports only THIRTEEN COUNCILS in the Zero column of no new Super Excellent Masters. This is indeed encouraging. Last year there were thirty-four.

We ask each Thrice Ill. Master to examine his records and ascertain if he is in this "DEAD" column. If he is, let me urge upon him and his Council to use his best efforts to get into the "Live" column this year. We want to present to the Grand Council of Michigan at its next Annual Assembly a CLEAN RECORD showing that EVERY council has gone "over the top" with work and added membership.

There will be a supplementary report presented at this assembly showing the work accomplished since the 27th day of December last. The good work has started, let us keep it going. Remember that only Super Excellent Masters count as members.

Are you organizing a "team" to put on the new Super Excellent Ritual? The new rituals are now published and are being distributed as old ones are returned and now is the time to make a good start on this new work. Ask the Grand Lecturer and your District Grand Officer for help if you need it.

This letter is sent to every T. I. M. and Recorder and it is ordered that it be read at the first stated Assembly after its receipt for the benefit of the membership.

Yours for another record year,

Attest:

CHARLES A. CONOVER,

Grand Recorder.

FRANK SCADDEN,

M. I. Grand Master.

BOOKLET.

On October 29, 1919, after consulting with the Finance Committee, our Grand Recorder was directed to have printed an edition of five thousand copies of a booklet which he has

prepared on the fundamentals of the Cryptic Rite, giving the reasons "Why a Royal Arch Mason Should Receive the Cryptic Rite." This is a wonderful little booklet, full of concrete information, which should be read very carefully by every member of the Rite. Several of our sister States have asked permission to have it published in their Grand Jurisdictions, which gives us an idea of the kind of a Grand Recorder we have.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations:

May 31, 1919, to Putnam Council No. 16 to receive the petition, ballot on and confer the Cryptic degrees on Companion James A. Steverwald, June 6, providing all the members of Putnam Council were notified.

June 11, to Tyre Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at a special assembly to be held on June 24.

September 12, to Tyre Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special assembly, September 25.

September 12, to Monroe Council No. 1, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on September 15.

September 30, to Zabud Council No. 9, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on October 8.

October 2, to Tyre Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on November 25.

October 25, to Nebuzaradan Council No. 37, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on November 3.

November 4, to Union Council No. 11, to take its charter from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor (this city being in their jurisdiction) on December 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candi-

dates and confer the council degrees on a class of candidates who found it difficult to get over to Ypsilanti at one and the same time.

November 11, to Muskegon Council No. 54, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees, November 14, this being a special assembly.

November 14, to Tyre Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on November 25.

November 12, to Eaton Rapids No. 83, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at a special meeting on November 19.

November 12, to Monroe Council No. 1, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on November 28.

November 25, to St. Louis Council No. 68, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer degrees on December 10; special meeting.

November 26, to Union Council No. 11, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting held December 11.

December 15, to Darius Council No. 75, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting on December 15.

December 18, to Sahgonahkato Council No. 58, to hold special meeting to elect officers and install them, a quorum not being present at the regular on December 4, providing all the members had sufficient notice of the meeting.

January 10, 1920, to Tyre Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees at special meeting, January 10.

January 19, to Charlotte Council No. 36, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees at special meeting on January 22.

February 10, to Monroe Council No. 1, to make pilgrimage to Highland Park (this being within the confines of their

jurisdiction) and receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees February 26.

February 10, to Monroe Council No. 10, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees at special assembly, April 3.

February 17, to St. Joseph Council No. 44, to permit South Bend Council No. 44, of the State of Indiana (provided the South Bend Council was a duly constituted council under the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Indiana) to confer the Super Excellent Master degree and requesting the T. I. M. of St. Joseph Council to notify and invite our Grand Recorder to be present at the meeting. Personally, I think these inter-jurisdictional visitations tend to link us more closely together and urge it whenever and wherever possible. It promotes good fellowship and a kindred friendship that enhances the visits to the entire fraternity.

March 3, to King Solomon Council No. 25, to hold combination meeting with Reed City No. 55 and Cadillac No. 70; also to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting, March 25, 1920.

March 11, to Petoskey Council No. 52, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting, March 30.

March 26, to Fremont Council No. 76, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting on March 26.

March 26, to David S. Kendall Council No. 71, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at special meeting, April 1.

March 27, to Putnam Council No. 15, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees at special meeting, March 31.

March 19, to Muskegon Council No. 54, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer council degrees on March 27. This being a special meeting.

March 20, to Marine City No. 59, to receive petitions,

ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees at a special meeting, March 24.

December 3, to Inverness Council No. 60, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on December 3, this being a special meeting.

April 26, to Sandusky Council No. 77, to take its charter to Bad Axe (this city being in their jurisdiction) on May 4, and receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on a class of candidates.

May 1, to Zabud Council No. 9, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on May 14, this being a special meeting.

May 3, to Saginaw Council No. 20, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on May 14.

May 5, to Union Council No. 11, to go to Ann Arbor and hold a council session and receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees in this city, on May 8, this being in their jurisdiction.

May 6, to David S. Kendall Council No. 75, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on May 6.

May 8, to Darius Council No. 75, to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the council degrees on May 8.

VISITATIONS.

November 21, 1919, at Charlevoix Council No. 81. I was met at the depot in Petoskey by Deputy Grand Master Burr Lee, who escorted me to Charlevoix. Here we met Companion Rose, the T. I. M., who had called a meeting of his council for that evening. Only two companions attended. Although they had sumptuous quarters, there seemed to be a lack of interest in the Cryptic Rite. After consulting with the companions present it was decided that it would be the better way for Charlevoix Council to consolidate with Petoskey No. 52, and arrangements were started with this end in view.

November 22, at Petoskey No. 52. Here our Deputy Grand

Master was in evidence, having made arrangements with the T. I. M., Companion Trask, for an impromptu meeting. Although it was Saturday evening and a severe storm, seventeen companions attended and a very enjoyable time was had. From the interest manifested, it was evident Petoskey would once more be on the map, which has been verified by later returns.

November 23, stopped over night at Cadillac. It being Sunday no meeting was held, but a very enjoyable three hours were spent with our long-time friend and companion, John W. Rizer, P. T. I. M., and a plan inaugurated for the future welfare of Cadillac Council.

November 24, called on Companion Yost, T. I. M. of St. Louis Council No. 68. This council was on the "tabooed" list last year, and I made a date with Companion Yost, who met me. He was very cordial. The result was a class of twenty-seven were greeted at a meeting on December 27, with several other prospects. If a little interest is put into this council, it can be made one of the best in the State.

November 24, went to Ithaca No. 33. Had an interview with T. I. M. McCall and Recorder Harrington, who promised complete work for this council during this Masonic year, which was also verified. The evening of Nov. 24, we visited the Masonic Home at Alma, under the management of Brother and Companion P. G. M. Herbert Montague, who cheerfully conducted us through the mazes of this Grand Home, under and above ground. This is an institution every Mason should feel proud of. A better kept, cleaner and homier place cannot be imagined and the dwellers all seem happy and contented, notwithstanding their weight of years. Michigan Masons can well say, "We have a HOME." I also had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Grand High Priest George Leedle and Grand Captain of the Host Roy Andrus, who undertook to show me around the city of which they knew no more than I. It was indeed a pleasant evening, well spent.

November 25, met Grand Rapids Tyre Council No. 10, and witnessed the rendition of the new Super Excellent degree,

which was put on in a splendid and masterful manner on a class of seventy-two candidates. The attendance was large, several Grand Officers present, together with Grand High Priest Companion George Leedle. The exemplification of this part of the Old Testament history reflects great credit on Tyre No. 10.

November 26, at Ypsilanti, Union No. 10. We were met by the Grand Lecturer, Companion Frank Hale. The meeting was a successful one. The Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master degrees were conferred under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer. Thirty members present and great enthusiasm displayed.

November 28, at Detroit, Monroe No. 1, the Mother Council, and well has she earned that name. She seems untiring in obtaining candidates under the tutelage of that Grand Man and Companion, our P. G. M. Frank Wilcox, who makes receiving candidates a business and takes care of a tailor shop on the side. This was the banner class for the year, as ninety-seven candidates received the Super Excellent degree in full form. The interpretation of this degree was complete in every detail. To dwell on any special member of the cast would be futile. All played their parts well. Monroe truly has a Zedekiah, a Nebuchadnezzar and Jeremiah. A most appreciative class was their reward.

December 1, at Mount Clemens No. 8. We were met by Companion T. I. M. Reid, who had just returned from a hunting trip, but had pep enough left to hustle out a good number of the companions, conferring the Royal and Select Master in full form and communicated the Super Excellent Master degree. It is the intention during the winter months to put on the new Super Excellent degree in full form. They have the talent and ability and I presage for them a successful year.

December 2, at Bay City. Met by Companion Recorder Edgar M. Sharp. On account of a commercial meeting and other local attractions, no meeting. We, however, met with Companion Sharp and others of the Rite and spent a very

pleasant hour Enthusiasm prevailed as shown by subsequent meetings with a large class. Here we met our old friend P. G. M. and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, Frank Gilbert, and found him as entertaining and instructive as ever. Paid the Grand Lecturer's office a vist. Here we dug into a vast amount of accumulated correspondence which was of great benefit to the Grand Master. We found our Grand Lecturer a very busy man.

December 3, at Cheboygan, Inverness No. 60. A very interesting meeting was held, twenty-five in attendance. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred in full form and the Super Excellent degree communicated. Dr. Sangster, the T. I. M., with his assistants assured me the Super Excellent degree would be put on in full form during the winter months. There seems to be considerable material available for the Cryptic Rite in this city.

February 3, at Iron Mountain, Darius No. 75. Here we were met by T. I. M. Johnny James, the invincible, and E. F. Brown, P. G. H. P., who is as virile as ever and just as willing to work now as in days of yore. This was indeed a snappy meeting; twelve candidates, all splendid specimens of manhood and citizenship. Rehearsals have started to render the new Super Excellent degree in full form. The talent is there and all it needs is practice.

March 25, at Big Rapids, King Solomon Council No. 25. A combination meeting was held with Reed City and Cadillac participating. Here were two councils that were in zero column, but they got over into the "live column" on this occasion, having a combined class of thirty-one candidates. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred in the afternoon and after a sumptuous repast, the Super Excellent degree was presented in full form with Companion Snider of Grand Rapids, as Nebuchadnezzar. It was indeed a well rendered degree. These combination meetings tend to create harmony and zeal in the visiting craftsmen.

March 26, at Fremont, Fremont Council No. 76. Here we were met by our Grand Treasurer, Dallas D. Alton, who at-

tended to our full comfort, for which we are grateful. Here the Grand Lecturer was in full swing. These companions have not had the new rituals and could not put on the new work. Later the Grand Recorder advises he has copies on hand to furnish every council in the Grand Jurisdiction. After being supplied with the rituals, Fremont should be able to render competent work.

March 27, at Muskegon No. 54. Here the Grand Lecturer was still trailing. We were met at the depot by P. T. I. M. Stevenson and P. C. W. Palmer, who escorted us through the principal industries of the city, and if we believed all they told us, Muskegon will be a city of about 300,000 in four years. Companion Badgley offered us the keys of the Continental Engine Works, but not having anything but a small grip with us, we were compelled to decline the offer, much to our regret. The work in the evening, under the T. I. Mastership of Companion Stewart, was well rendered. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred in full form. At the close Companion Smith presented P. T. I. M. Larson with a gold watch in some well chosen remarks, in token of his services during his term of office. Companion P. T. I. M. Van Allyn was presented with a certificate of Life Membership, also Companion P. T. I. M. McComb (this being their thirty-fifth anniversary). After the inner man had been satisfied, an hour was spent in heart to heart talks, interspersed with song. A large class is to be greeted during the month of May.

March 30, at Petoskey No. 52. Here we met our old friend Burr Lee, who had made all arrangements for our comfort. To him I am indebted for many courtesies in arranging dates for the various visitations, and although a mistake is made in train time once in a while, it serves us well in that we were able to take a little rest. Petoskey Council held a very good meeting, several candidates received the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master degree, thereby lifting them out of the zero column. This was the first meeting at

which they had used the new ritual. The work showed however that the companions had given it a great deal of thought.

March 31, at Manistique, Hiawatha Council No. 65. We were met at the train by T. I. M. Companion Erickson, and the P. C. W., Companion Thomas. This council has been under a severe handicap this year on account of the "flu," and just as they were emerging from this dreaded disease, their dam broke away and a good part of the city dwellings were up to their second stories under water and at the time of the visit the river was still raging without abatement; the grit exhibited by some of the companions was truly commendable and worthy of emulation. There were companions present that had almost their all swept away, yet they displayed the greatest courage and indomitable will that was truly worth copying. They also lost two of their most zealous workers, Companions Davidson and Putman, but Phoenix-like they are arising from their ashes (or rather water) and will greet a class the latter part of April, at which time the Grand Master intends paying another visit.

April 7, at Bessemer No. 80. This city has no hotel and it is rather difficult to secure accommodations, unless some companion takes pity on you and takes you to the bosom of his family or drives seven miles to Ironwood, at midnight, which isn't pleasant at all times, especially if the thermometer is 20 degrees below zero. The companions here are a warm hearted set of men of the American type; ready to work, willing to work, if only shown how. This was the first time work was rendered in the new ritual, and was necessarily slow. The Select Master degree was conferred in full form and the Super Excellent Master degree communicated to five candidates. This council has a tremendous field for work and if only pushed would be one of the large councils of the State.

May 3, at Marquette No. 71, where T. I. M. John H. O'Meara, with his aids, rendered the Super Excellent degree in full form, which was indeed a splendid portrayal of this new degree. The parts of Zedekiah and Jeremiah the

Prophet were well taken, in fact the whole cast deserved great credit. It showed that a great deal of thought and work had been put into the degree. Haggai, the prophet, deserves special mention. This part of the degree also being portrayed in full.

May 6, at Houghton No. 71, David S. Kendall Council, where the Royal and Select Master degrees were put on in full form according to the old ritual (the new ones not having been sent for). The Super Excellent degree was communicated. In the absence of the T. I. M. the work was rendered by three of the P. T. I. Masters, which showed their interest in the work. The work was well rendered and I bespeak for this council an enviable record during this year.

May 8, with Darius Council No. 75, at Iron Mountain. This was the second visit. It was supposed the new Super Excellent degree would have been rendered in full form, but on account of the absence of Companion P. G. H. P., E. F. Brown in California for the most of the winter, this program had to be postponed for the time being, but the majority of the parts are cast and this degree will be put on in all its splendor in the early winter. Companion P. G. H. P. McGee accompanied the Grand Master as a body guard.

May 13, Sault Ste. Marie No. 69. Met by Companion W. E. Davidson, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, who showed us every courtesy. To him I am greatly indebted for a pleasant stay in the "locked" city. The Royal and Select Master degrees in full form with the Super Excellent degree communicated on three candidates. An aggressive spirit was shown throughout the whole meeting. I also had the pleasure of meeting Captain Henderson, Deputy Grand Master of the State of Kentucky. Thirty-two present.

May 15, Zabud No. 9, Battle Creek. Here T. I. M., Companion "Bill" Goff, and several of his aids, contributed to the comfort and interest of your Grand Master as far as their duties in practicing the Super Excellent degree would permit. At 6:30 a banquet was spread in which about two hundred participated, after which the Super Excellent degree was con-

ferred in full form. Their interpretation of this degree from the standpoint of Zedekiah was unique throughout the whole act. A class of sixty-four candidates was greeted.

DECISIONS.

June 2, 1919. Lansing Council No. 29, requesting a dispensation to change the hour of holding the regular meeting from 7:30 to 4:30.

Answer. I see no power in me vested to change the hour of holding the regular meeting. You must hold your regular meeting on the hour stated in your by-laws.

June 11. Tyre Council No. 10, requesting special dispensation to receive petitions, ballot on candidates, confer the Council degrees and transact such other business as might come before a regular meeting.

Answer. Your request for dispensation to receive petitions, ballot on candidates and confer the Council degrees at a special meeting is hereby granted, but your request to transact the regular business at a special meeting unless it is absolutely necessary, is inadvisable. I therefore rule that any regular business must be specifically stated in the request for dispensation and notice must be sent to every member within the jurisdiction, setting forth the specific business to be transacted at said special meeting.

September 30. Zabud No. 9, requesting special dispensation to transact regular business at a special meeting.

Answer. Your request to transact regular business at a special meeting, unless it is absolutely necessary, is inadvisable. I therefore rule that any regular business must be specifically stated in the request for dispensation and notice must be sent to every member within the jurisdiction, setting forth the specific business to be transacted at said special meeting.

November 5. Communication from Muskegon Council No.

54, asking the status of a companion from Wheeling, West Virginia, now a resident of Muskegon, he having received the Royal and Select Master degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter in Wheeling, W. Va., and is now desirous of affiliating with Muskegon Council.

Answer. The companion is not in good standing in a council of Royal and Select Masters in Michigan. In order for the companion to be a full member of a council of Royal and Select Masters in Michigan it will be necessary for him to be "healed" in the Royal and Select Master and obligated in the Super Excellent degrees. See Sec. 61 of Constitution.

December 31. Received letter from Brother C. H. Callahan, Secretary of the George Washington Memorial Association of Alexandria, Va., requesting a representative be sent by this Grand Council to their tenth annual meeting, to be held at Masonic Temple, Alexandria, Va., on the 23rd day of February, 1920. I find no precedent for such procedure and so wrote Brother Callahan.

February 20. Muskegon Council No. 54, asking permission for their T. I. M. to appoint their P. C. W. as Deputy Master for the year, the regularly elected Deputy Master having moved permanently from their jurisdiction.

Answer. Your T. I. M. cannot appoint the P. C. W. to the office of Deputy Master for the year. He must remain P. C. W. for the year in which he was elected. He may fill the office of Deputy Master pro tem only. (See page 196, Sec. 44, G. M. Carton, 1897. Blue Book, 1906.)

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. On account of the increased membership, I recommend that the bond of the Grand Treasurer be increased from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00, and this Grand Council pay the premium.
2. That the surplus funds of the Grand Council, after a liberal allowance for general expenses for the year, be utilized

in the purchase of some good bonds to be approved by the Finance Committee.

3. It appears from a letter received from Past Grand Master George Hill that he has not received a Past Grand Master's jewel. I recommend that a Past Grand Master's jewel be forwarded P. G. M. Hill at the Masonic Home.

4. That the salary of the Grand Lecturer be raised from \$300.00 to \$500.00 per year, and that every council shall have a visit paid at least once each year.

5. That the ban be lifted from the following councils: Sturgis No. 13, Sault Ste Marie No. 69, Ithaca No. 33, Bessemer No. 80, Bay City No. 53, St. Louis No. 83, Oceana No. 27, Darius No. 75.

DIMITS OR TRANSFERS.

I recommend that the method of transfer of membership in use by the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan be adopted in this Grand Council and the Constitution amended to conform thereto.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

November 21, 1919, I made a visit to Charlevoix Council No. 81, with a view to ascertaining whether or not a revival could be made in this council. With your Grand Master was Deputy Grand Master Burr Lee of Petoskey. The meeting was called for 7:30 P. M. Only two companions responded with Companion Rose, Amos Webster and Robert Myers. Although they have very sumptuous quarters there is a lack of interest in Cryptic Masonry. This city is a summer resort and as fast as the young men of the city arrive at man's estate they take the Chapter degrees and then find it necessary to seek new fields to earn their livelihood, consequently their council suffers and they have been at "zero" for the past four years. After going over the matter very carefully with T. I. M. Rose and the companions present, it seemed the only course to pursue was to make a supreme effort before their

year closed to try to resurrect the dry bones, but if no more interest was manifest than for the past four years, my advice was to surrender their charter, close up their books, pay their Grand Council dues, apply for membership with Petoskey No. 52 and have the latter take over their equipment and store it in their council chambers.

January 31. I received the enclosed letter from Companion Rose, dated December 27, 1919, which explains itself, to which I replied as per copy attached. I also notified Deputy Grand Master Burr Lee.

Petoskey, Michigan, Dec. 27, 1919.

Mr. Frank Scadden, M. I. G. M.,
Crystal Falls, Michigan.

MY DEAR COMPANION SCADDEN:

Since our meeting of November 21st, I have talked to the companions who are in the city and they all seem to think it best that we surrender our charter and go back to Petoskey Council. As I told you before, many of our members are non-resident and with only fourteen active members living in the city it is practically impossible for us to continue. It may be that sometime in the future we may be able to take it up again.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

MASON H. ROSE, T. I. M.

Crystal Falls, Mich., Jan. 3, 1920.

Mason H. Rose, T. I. M.,
Charlevoix, Michigan.

MY DEAR COMPANION ROSE:

I have your letter of the 27th ult., supplementing our experience when making your council a visit on November 31st, 1919.

This letter seems to substantiate the views of the companions present at that meeting. While we dislike very much to see a council pass out of existence, yet it seems best in this case. In surrendering your charter be sure and make your report to the Grand Recorder, with your Grand Council dues all paid up so you can make this application with clean hands. My advice in this matter would be as follows: I understand it is your desire to consolidate with Petoskey No.

52. This being the case, just follow out the procedure of the Blue Lodge. You will find all the details on page 69, Sec. 43, Masonic Law, 1906, in Blue Book, for consolidating of lodges. This seems to fit your case. This will leave you all in good standing in the Cryptic Rite. Then Petoskey will take over your paraphernalia; the charter and books go to the Grand Recorder. Read over this section in the Blue Book carefully and follow closely. Burr Lee will help you to the extent of his power and will be glad to assist in any way. This will be a matter of consolidation instead of "surrender" of your charter.

Trusting you will not find any difficulty in getting matters straightened out,

Zealously yours,

FRANK SCADDEN,
Grand Master.

Companion Rose, I hope you will continue to be as active in Petoskey Council as you have been in your own. Do not let your interest in the Cryptic Rite lag. I appreciate the position you are in at the present time.

April 13, letter to T. I. M. Rose, of Charlevoix, together with his reply. This seems to close the matter.

Crystal Falls, Mich., April 13, 1920.

Mason H. Rose, P. T. I. M.,
Charlevoix, Michigan.

MY DEAR COMPANION MASON:

Will you kindly send me a copy of your records the night you agreed to consolidate with Petoskey. I need this to complete my record to go to the committee. I want the matter cleaned up right. If you will do this at your earliest convenience, I will appreciate it. I have asked Burr Lee for the records of their council in accepting you in their council.

We have winter with us all the time. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRANK SCADDEN,
Grand Master.

Charlevoix, Mich., April 21, 1920.

Frank Scadden, M. I. Grand Master,
Crystal Falls, Michigan.

DEAR COMPANION SCADDEN:

The following resolution was, on the twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1920, presented to this council, and was brought up for action at our next regular assembly, March 22nd, 1920, and passed.

Resolved, That upon the concurrence of Charlevoix Council No. 81, R. & S. M., this council does surrender its charter for the purpose of consolidating with said Petoskey Council No. 52.

Resolved, That this council does agree to concur in, and hereby requests Petoskey Council No. 52, to consolidate with and join us.

I have talked with Burr and he has asked us to come clean, so I'm trying to get all the dues in and they are coming good. About seven to hear from yet.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

MASON H. ROSE, T. I. M.

Further letters from Companion Lee and Rose showing the matter in further detail, also attacked. I recommend the consolidation be confirmed by this Grand Body.

May 8. Recommendations regarding new by-laws of Ionia Council No. 12, with copy of by-laws.

CONCLUSION.

Valedictories are difficult to write. Sentiments are felt rather than expressed. I cannot tell you in words how much I appreciate the honor you bestowed on me a year ago in electing me to the high office I now lay down. We have had an active year and most successful year. I have endeavored to meet every responsibility as it has occurred and improve every opportunity to promote the interests of Masonry. Success has been achieved by no easy formula or short-cut method, but is the result of hard work and conscientious service cheerfully rendered.

During the early part of the term we encountered difficulties that looked formidable, but as difficulties are but a

spur to effort, we knew the goal set could be achieved. To win success "in" life means material gain, but to get success "out" of life means more than mere materiality. It means to be in sympathy with mankind and this, companions, is the very essence of the larger life. The pleasure we have had along with the successes during the past year, particularly in cultivating the acquaintances of the various officers and members of the Rite, has been ample compensation. The letters written were thoughts and suggestions of the things we hoped would produce good results. We have sought to impart counsel and comfort without criticism or cynicism. We have aimed through personal contact and active co-operation to serve the Brotherhood by denoting the bigness of the Brotherhood. We have tried to refresh and to afford a mental stimulus to all, along the lines of thought and WORK.

To me the greatest inspiration in life is the opportunity to help the Brotherhood. Take this away and what of a substantial value is left. As your Grand Master, I have sought your counsel and assistance and your response has been without stint; and to the cause of Masonry your loyalty and fidelity have been unbounded.

To the Grand Officers I owe an everlasting debt of gratitude for their untiring efforts to make this year a success. To the Brotherhood I also owe a debt that a lifetime can only repay. I wish now to express my grateful appreciation for the many courtesies shown me at all times throughout the length and breadth of the State; to the Grand Lecturer for his indefatigable work and pleasant affiliations during the many visits; every council cannot but help being benefited by his admirable teachings and counsel.

I desire further to express my unqualified appreciation of the assistance, continuous co-operation and encouragement given me by our Grand Recorder, who has been always prompt in answering all requests and tireless in every detail. When I lay down the emblem of authority, I am not through labor. I expect to continue a humble worker in the vineyard. I would rather be a Tiler in a Masonic Lodge than own and operate the grandest salon on earth.

That the Supreme Architect of the Universe may endow my successor with wisdom and improve upon the past, is the sincer and fervent prayer of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

FRANK SCADDEN,
M. I. Grand Master.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Companion Dallas D. Alton, Grand Treasurer, then presented his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

Fremont, Mich., May 15, 1920.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, Illustrious Officers and Companions:

I hereby submit my first annual report, as your Grand Treasurer, of the finances of this Grand Council:

RECEIPTS.

June 15, received from Finance Committee.....	\$2,852.26
January 3, 1920, received from Grand Recorder Conover.....	812.62
January 10, 1920, received from Grand Recorder Conover.....	2,200.70
February 5, 1920, received from Grand Recorder Conover.....	575.95
May 14, 1920, received from Grand Recorder Conover.....	466.98
 Total	 \$6,908.51

DISBURSEMENTS.

1919

Voucher Nos.

2 Pay checks at \$6.00 each.....	\$ 12.00
819—May 9, Frank V. Hale, expense account.....	79.88
835—May 20, Chas. E. Converse, honorarium.....	50.00
836—May 20, Chas. E. Converse, expense.....	31.30
837—May 20, John Kay, jewel.....	76.65
838—May 20, Chas. A. Conover, Correspondence Report.....	50.00
839—May 20, Masonic Temple Association.....	25.00
840—May 20, Masonic Temple Association, janitor.....	5.00
841—May 20, Chas. M. Norton, office expense.....	10.00

Voucher Nos.

842—July 1, Gerber & Marshall, Gd. Treas. bond.....	7.50
843—July 1, Chas. A. Conover, salary.....	100.00
844—Aug. 4, Chas. L. Keep, insurance.....	10.23
845—Sept. 5, Frank V. Hale, Norton funeral.....	7.44
846—Sept. 5, Chas. W. Mixer, Norton funeral.....	5.58
847—Sept. 5, Alfred Baldrey, Norton funeral.....	8.28
848—Sept. 5, W. P. Perry, Norton funeral.....	6.84
849—Sept. 5, John Nichol, Norton funeral.....	5.28
850—Sept. 12, Frank V. Hale, salary.....	75.00
851—Sept. 17, J. A. Bissenger, Norton funeral.....	10.00
852—Sept. 20, S. Joe Norton, printing.....	33.25
853—Oct. 1, Chas. A. Conover, salary.....	100.00
854—Oct. 29, Charlotte Republican, proceedings.....	273.82
855—Nov. 15, Frank V. Hale, salary.....	75.00
856—Dec. 13, Frank Scadden, expense.....	111.18
857—Dec. 16, Charlotte Republican, printing.....	218.13
858—Dec. 23, M. W. Wimer, Grand Recorder's bond.....	5.00
859—Dec. 30, John Kay, buttons.....	42.00
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860—Jan. 1, Chas. A. Conover, salary.....	100.00
861—Jan. 8, John Claffin, Phillips funeral.....	5.28
862—Jan. 8, Chas. H. Patterson, Phillips funeral.....	6.78
863—Jan. 8, Chas. A. Conover, Phillips funeral.....	8.22
864—Jan. 9, Chas. A. Conover, expense.....	19.54
865—Jan. 28, Chas. W. Mixer, funeral expense.....	10.00
866—March 11, Frank V. Hale, salary.....	75.00
867—April 1, Chas. A. Conover, salary.....	100.00
868—April 9, Finch Printing Co., printing.....	614.00
869—May 10, S. Joe Norton & Co., printing.....	72.75
870—April 19, Frank Scadden, expense.....	95.15
871—April 29, John Kay, buttons.....	77.80
872—May 10, Chas. A. Conover, expense.....	78.29
873—May 10, Jessie E. Ives, clerical work.....	200.00
874—May 10, Frank V. Hale, expense account.....	100.39
	\$2,997.56
Leaving a cash balance in my hands this date.....	\$3,910.95
Registered War Savings Stamps in Branch County Savings Bank, Coldwater, Michigan.....	416.00
Balance, grand total.....	\$4,326.95

DALLAS D. ALTON,
Grand Treasurer.

Grand Recorder's Report

Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Recorder, then read his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Permit me to present for your consideration my seventeenth annual report as your Grand Recorder.

ACTIVITIES OF COUNCILS.

The year has been a busy one and the increased activities of all the councils have been very marked. More work has been done than in any year in our history. In fact the net increase in members is nearly twice that of our most prosperous year, 1907, when notice had been given of an advance in the fees. You will remember that three years ago we reported a net loss of thirty-five members. This year the Grand Master dared to ask the councils to make the effort to secure 1,000 new members. They went to the task and landed 1,268, with a *net gain* over all of 1,002. The councils are certainly to be congratulated upon their splendid efforts. Fifty-four councils gained in members, as follows: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 49, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83. Fourteen councils lost in members: No. 12, 16, 25, 26, 43, 44, 45, 50, 52, 58, 64, 72, 76, 81. One, No. 65, remains the same. Eleven councils have no greetings of new members: No. 16, 25, 26, 45, 52, 58, 64, 65, 72, 76, 81. Only fifty-five Select Masters did not get the Super Excellent degree. Twenty-two councils greeted twenty or over during 1919: No. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 32, 49, 54, 61, 63, 68, 74, 83.

DISTRICTS AND FIELD WORK.

In November the Grand Master instructed me to issue a circular letter giving notice that the State was divided into nine districts or "Arches" and a Grand Officer placed in charge of each. This has brought the Grand Council in closer union with the councils and the spirit of unity has been more manifest.

After a conference with the Grand Master it was decided that the Grand Recorder should prepare and have printed an edition of five thousand booklets, entitled: "The Reason a Royal Arch Mason Should Receive the Cryptic Rite." These have been distributed to the

councils which would use them in connection with their membership committees and there is no doubt that the field work has been greatly aided thereby. Many requests for samples have been received from other Grand Councils and very flattering commendations returned, some even desiring to purchase small quantities for missionary work. In several instances individual councils have reprinted the general matter and distributed them freely to their own membership for their use. Oklahoma purchased 600, paying cost of publication.

NEW RITUALS.

The new rituals reached me after much delay and were promptly distributed as fast as old ones were returned. A new system of accounting for them was prepared. With them also was sent a folder containing a reprint of a paper by John A. Coleman of New York, entitled, "How I Put On a Degree." It was primarily written to apply to consistory work, but it contained so much that applies with equal force in our degrees, that I took the liberty to republish those parts for the benefit of those members who were willing but possibly inexperienced, particularly in the dramatic degree of Super Excellent. I will be glad to supply any who may desire these.

CONSOLIDATION OF COUNCILS.

On March 22nd, Charlevoix Council No. 81 passed a resolution to consolidate with Petoskey Council No. 52, from which the members dimitted to form Charlevoix Council in 1913. The council has only greeted six members since it was organized and its limited membership could not maintain an interest, hence the consolidation instead of surrender of charter, was the wisest course. The consolidation was effected by Deputy Grand Master Lee of Petoskey. The charter was sent to the Grand Recorder and the seal promised. The books and other property were turned over to Petoskey Council.

PETITIONS FOR NEW COUNCILS.

I am in receipt of a petition for a new council to be located at Almont, signed by fifteen companions. As soon as all dimits are received, the papers will be filed with the Grand Master for his action in the matter.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

New return blanks must be prepared this year and to overcome a cause for many errors, I suggest that Section 55 of the Constitution

be amended to read: "For each Super Excellent Master greeted within the year, one dollar," instead of as it now reads: "For each Select Master passed the circle within the year." As the Super Excellent degrees is now obligatory and membership is based thereon, the proposed change will make a uniformity of practice.

PAST R. & S. MASTERS.

The Cryptic degrees not being requisite to membership in higher bodies, it behooves the councils to secure and maintain the interest of all their members and prevent a lapse of membership through dimitt or suspension. The table of lapses is an interesting barometer to study. During the years of depression the lapses increase, while during prosperous years with plenty of work and interest maintained, the lapses decrease. Take for instance 1915 with a gain of 196, the loss by dimitt and suspension was 135. In 1916 with a loss of 39 these lapses were 223. In 1918 a gain of 85 had 157 lapses, while in 1919, with a gain of 1,002 the lapses were only 150. Councils should aim to keep dues collected up close and not lose members by suspensions. If the member is temporarily embarrassed, remit the dues and keep your member. If he owes dues he will seldom attend; if paid up close, his interest is better held. Naturally there are a certain number of "curiosity seekers" who take the degrees to see what they are about, but with no intention of becoming workers. They drift for a while as derelict ship at sea and then go down; but a member who is amenable to the influence of the beauties of the Cryptic degree, should be encouraged to maintain his membership and increase his interest. I suggest that before peremptorily suspending members for N. P. D. or dimitting, those not removed, that the Master appoint a committee to visit and talk with the delinquent or dissatisfied companion and endeavor to get them set right. Last year, our very best, our lapses were nearly 12% of our new members. What business man is there who would not immediately investigate a 12% loss in his business and attempt to remedy it?

We are striving to make new members, are we striving with equal vigor to keep those already in, for whom meetings and expense have been incurred to make them Royal and Select Masters?

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

	1918	1919
Number of Councils.....	69	69
Total membership	9,111	9,196
Passed the Circle in the year.....	381	1,268
Affiliated	18	20

Restored	11	16
Total membership and gains.....	9,521	10,500
Died	168	152
Demitted	82	60
Suspended	75	90
 Total losses	325	302
Total membership of councils.....	9,196	10,198
Net gain for the year.....	85	1,002
Number of Select Masters chosen.....	442	1,323
Total receipts for dues.....	\$2,939.60	\$3,889.50

Twelve councils still meet by the full of the moon.

TEN YEAR TABLES OF WORK.

A recapitulation of the Ten Year table of work for the last year shows that twenty-four councils greeted less than three companions a year. They were: No. 4, 12, 13, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 33, 35, 39, 48, 49, 51, 57, 62, 64, 72, 73, 75, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83. Since then the following have redeemed themselves: No. 4, 12, 21, 23, 39, 49, 57, 78, 82, 83, leaving sixteen which have not picked off at least one team a year from the chapters in their jurisdiction.

The following councils have made less than one new member per year and are brought to the attention of the incoming Grand Master: No. 33, 55, 75, 80.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For the year ending May 10, 1920, I have received the following:

GENERAL RECEIPTS.

Council dues for 1919	\$3,889.50
Council pins sold	81.00
Manual .....	.75
Certificate fees	2.50
Booklets sold	32.50
Charter fee, Almont	50.00

\$4,056.25

DISHURSEMENTS.

1919

Dec. 30, D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 812.62
Jan. 3, D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer.....	2,200.70

Feb. 3, D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer.....	575.95
May 10, D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer.....	466.98
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	\$4,056.25

EXPENSES.

Since the last annual assembly, I have drawn warrants from 835 to 877, both inclusive, amounting to \$3,754.57. The estimated pay roll for this assembly is \$745.00. The Grand Treasurer will pay off by checks this year instead of cash. These checks will be payable through any bank after endorsement. The increased revenue has been sufficient to take care of the increased expenses.

All books, vouchers, returns and receipts are in the hands of the Finance Committee for audit.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

The expenses have been subdivided under headings as follows:

Grand Master's Office.....	\$ 391.53
Grand Recorder's Office.....	789.46
Grand Lecturer's Office.....	400.39
Grand Treasurer's Office.....	15.00
Annual Assembly and pay roll.....	787.50
Printing and distributing proceedings.....	323.82
Funerals and Memorials.....	117.61
Surety bonds and insurance.....	22.73
New Rituals	635.16
Field work and booklets.....	271.37
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Total	\$3,754.57

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

Grand Lecturer's Report

Companion Frank V. Hale, Grand Lecturer, then read his annual report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of the State of Michigan:

As your Grand Lecturer, I submit to you the following brief report of my doings.

While visitations have been comparatively few yet the results have far excelled expectations. Owing to the fact that our M. I. Grand Master saw the wisdom of dividing the State and each Grand Officer was given a definite number of councils to visit, materially lessening the expense and visitations or your Grand Lecturer. Those visitations that I have had the pleasure of making have yielded in most part many fold both in interest and numbers.

On October 27 I met with Pontiac No 3, who conferred the R. S. and Sup. Exl. Master degrees on a class of nineteen in a very impressive manner. No. 3 is and has been one of the very active councils in this jurisdiction.

On Nov. 14 I called Leslie No. 50, Albion, No 57, Manchester, No. 24, and Jackson, No. 32, for inspection and School of the Council, to be held in Jackson on Nov. 24, but owing to the inability of No. 32 to secure the temple for that date the same was postponed.

On Nov. 15 I called Fred L. Wells, No. 74, Sandusky, No. 77, Marine City No. 59, for inspection and school of the Council to be held on November 25, at Port Huron.

Adrian No. 18, River Raisin No. 4, Clinton No. 26, Blanchard No. 34, for inspection and School of the Council to be held at Adrian on November 25, and Union No. 11 at Ypsilanti for November 26.

Mt. Clemens, No. 8, for Dec. 1.

Bay City, No. 53, Saginaw, No. 20, at Bay City on Dec. 3. Ithaca, No. 33, St. Louis No. 68, at Ithaca on Dec. 24.

Flint, No. 56, Holly, No. 39, at Flint, Dec. 5, which was cancelled by T. I. M. of Holly for good and sufficient reasons.

On Nov. 24 I visited Port Huron, met with Fred L. Wells, Marine City Council, spent the latter part of the afternoon reviewing the R. & S. M. degrees as laid down in the new ritual. I received rapt attention and was pleased at the interest manifested by all of the companions present.

The work of the evening clearly demonstrated what could be done by the smaller councils in the new S. E. M. degree. We are prone to expect great elaboration in stage settings, costumes, and character makeups, and many other embellishments in this degree, yet, I must say, while all of these add materially, but when the real lessons of the degrees are thoroughly incorporated into the lives of the companions cast for the various parts we forget wigs, robes, and cosmetics, and see only the wonderful lessons of fidelity to your vows as Masons, and obedience to the God of your creation. Such was the work of Marine

Council, No. 59, who did the work with nothing of the material; but everything of the spirit of the degree.

At Adrian, on Nov. 25, I met the companions of No. 18, neither of the other three councils being represented: Blanchard No. 34, Clinton, No. 26, and River Raisin, No. 34. Received communication from Companion Smith, T. I. Master of Blanchard, No. 34, giving sufficient reasons why his council could not be represented, but neither of the other councils replied.

No. 18 conferred the R. and S. and communicated the S. Exl. in a very creditable manner. Inspection revealed their records to be in a fine condition and I found them amply supplied with paraphernalia for the work.

At Ypsilanti I was joined by M. I. Grand Master Scadden, on Nov. 26, and we met with companions of Union No. 11. The work was good in the R. and S. Master degrees and the S. Exl. was conferred in short form. At the banquet following the work there was surely an awakening of interest. Our Grand Master in his talk proved himself to be an embodiment of the spirit of the founders of our rite and a true exponent of the real principles of Cryptic Masonry. I have never attended a more pleasing assembly.

On November 28, I visited Monroe, No. 1 at Detroit, in company with M. I. Grand Master Scadden. I need not comment on the work of this, our largest council. We witnessed the conferring of the R. and S. on a class of forty companions, and the S. Exl. on ninety-seven. We were entertained as only Monroe No. 1 knows how. This assembly was a real inspiration to all who attended.

At Mt. Clemens, on Dec. 1, our Grand Master and myself met a few of the companions of Mt. Clemens, No. 8, in a very cordial assembly. It looked for the time as if nothing could be done, owing to the fact that the T. I. M., Companion Reid, being out of the city had not received our summons in time to call the assembly, but after exerting his influence sufficient companions were present to open a council and the result was a real assembly. What it lacked in numbers it made up in spirit. The three degrees were conferred on one companion.

The inspection and school of the council called for Bay City Dec. 2, was postponed on account of the inability of Bay City council to secure the temple for that date.

On Dec. 24, I made the trip to Ithaca to meet Ithaca council, No. 33, and St. Louis No. 68. In reply to my summons I received a request from the T. I. Master of Ithaca, No. 33, asking to be excused, but as the reason set forth did not seem sufficient our M. I. Grand Master advised that I make the visitation. I so informed them, but on my arrival I found them rehearsing for a minstrel show and no evidence of any thought for the council and absolutely no regard for the order

of our Grand Master. I was unable to do anything on this visitation. St. Louis did not reply nor were they represented to my knowledge.

The assembly at Bay City on Dec. 17 was a real success and the work of a very high order. No. 53 conferred the R. & S. Master degrees in the afternoon and No. 20 the S. Exl. in the evening. The work in the S. Exl. Master degree under the instruction and management of Companion Welch is seldom excelled in the State.

On March 25 Grand Master Scadden and myself met the companions of King Solomon No. 25, Reed City, No. 55, and Cadillac, No. 70, in joint assembly at Big Rapids, where we witnessed the R. and S. Master degrees conferred on thirty and the S. Exl. Master degree on thirty companions. The work of these councils showed a marked improvement over the work of last year. The R. and S. was conferred by Cadillac, No. 70, and the S. E. by a team chosen from the three councils. It was good work.

On Mar. 26 we visited the companions of the Fremont Council No. 76, who conferred the R. S. and S. Exl. Master degrees on seven candidates. They were crippled by not having some of their official members present and the work was not of as high an order as it might have been had conditions been otherwise.

On Mar. 27 at Muskegon, we were royally entertained in the afternoon with an automobile drive about this busy little city, and in the evening given a real treat in the form of excellent work in the R. and S. Master degrees, followed by a sumptuous banquet at which M. I. Grand Master Scadden presided as toastmaster in a manner that was a credit to himself and a pleasure to all present. This was indeed an enjoyable event.

Mar. 29 I made the journey to Williamston to meet the companions of No. 64, but on my arrival I found that the T. I. M. was in the south for his health and that my summons of Mar. 17 had not been delivered through the mail.

Mar. 30 I met with companions of Clinton No. 26. This assembly abounded in interest, notwithstanding the fact that no candidate was available. One of the companions volunteered to act and we reviewed the ritual. This assembly seemed to awaken them and I am sure that abundant fruit will reward us for our efforts. While in this little city I had the pleasure of calling on our oldest P. M. I. Grand Master, David Woodward. I found this dear old companion in the very best of spirits notwithstanding the fact that he has been compelled, on account of his great age and its attending infirmities, to forego the pleasure of meeting with us at this time.

Mar. 31, I visited Putman, No. 16, at Hudson. This being my home council I anticipated a very enjoyable meeting and was not in the least disappointed. We conferred the R. and S. on a large class after which

I was invited to the chair and we conferred the S. Exl. in short form. No council in the State, for the size of its membership has more or better talent for the exemplification of the new S. Exl. degree than No. 16, and I hope to see them excel in this work.

This, companions, is a record of my visitations, and I am sure that the results in most cases have been all that I could wish. The conditions existing throughout the State are of the best, and the record for this year's work has never been equalled numerically and I am sure that the interest has not as yet reached the high tide mark.

Permit me at this time to thank you all for the most pleasant year and for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRANK V. HALE,
Grand Lecturer.

The United States Flag

On the suggestion of Past Grand Master Gilbert, the United States flag was presented at this time and placed in its proper place with appropriate ceremonies, while all present stood at salute.

Report on Division and Reference

Companion Milton R. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your committee to which was referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master for division and reference begs leave to report as follows:

That part of the M. I. Grand Master's address referring to official bonds, investments of funds and compensation of Grand Officers, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That part of the address referring to the councils on probation and

the consolidation of the Charlevoix and Petoskey councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That part of the address referring to dispensations, decisions and transfer certificates be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That part of the address referring to obituaries be referred to Committee on Obituaries and that all other matters contained in the address be hereby approved by the Grand Council.

MILTON R. PALMER,

WALTER T. SMITH,

JAMES S. POTTER,

Committee.

Telegram to David Woodward

On motion of Companion William E. Goff, the Grand Recorder was directed to forward a telegraph message of sympathy to Companion David Woodward, P. M. I. G. M., and the following was dispatched:

David Woodward,
Past M. I. Grand Master,
Clinton, Michigan:

The Grand Council in annual assembly sends greetings and best wishes and deeply regrets your enforced absence after so many years of continuous service.

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

Exemplification of the Super Excellent Degree

The M. I. Grand Master then announced that at his request Saginaw Council No. 20, had kindly consented to give an exemplification of the Super Excellent Master degree, and that as soon as the Grand Council was called to refreshment, the room would be prepared for the work. An invitation was extended to all to remain and witness this beautiful and dramatic rendition of the new work.

The work was finely rendered and served as an inspiration to member of councils present to perfect themselves in work of this interesting and dramatic degree.

Called Off

No further business being ready for the Grand Council, by order of the Grand Master the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, after the singing of "Old Hundred" and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Second Day—Morning Session

*Saginaw, Michigan,
Tuesday, May 18, 1920.
At 9:00 A. M.*

To Labor

The Grand Council was called to labor by M. I. Grand Master at nine o'clock with officers and members as at yesterday's session. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and at the request of the Grand Master, all joined again in singing "Old Hundred".

Report of Jurisprudence Committee

Companion Lou B. Winsor, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following reports of that committee, both of which were adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, entitled "Decisions," would respectfully report that the same are in accord with the Cryptic law of this Grand Council and we recommend that the same be approved.

Never within the knowledge of this committee has an M. I. Grand Master given more of his time, his energy and ability to the interests of Cryptic Masonry during his term of office than the present incumbent. He is an uncut diamond and we marvel that such a small body can inclose so large a heart. The name of Frank Scadden is deeply engraved on the records of this Grand Council. God bless him, is our fervent prayer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LOU B. WINSOR,
ELWIN F. BROWN,
Committee.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, entitled "Dispensations," respectfully report that they have carefully reviewed the same and find them to be in accord with the powers and prerogatives of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the laws of this Grand Council and they therefore recommend that the same be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Lou B. WINSOR,
Elwin F. Brown,
Jurisprudence Committee.

Companion Elwin F. Brown of the Jurisprudence Committee made the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Recorder's report relating to changes in Article 55, of the Constitution of this M. I. Grand Council, would respectfully recommend that the following changes be made in Article 55: i. e. That the words "Select Master" be stricken out and that the words "Super Excellent Master" be inserted in place thereof and that the words "passed the circle" be stricken out and the word "greeted" be inserted in place thereof.

Lou B. WINSOR,
Elwin F. Brown,
Committee.

As this recommendation involved an amendment of the Constitution and Laws, the vote was taken thereon and the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Report of Charters and Dispensations

Companion Frank O. Gilbert of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the reports of that committee, which were adopted as follows:

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. I. Grand Master's Address referring to the councils on probation, beg leave to report that all the councils included have done work the past year, and we recommend that the ban be now raised.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
A. W. STEWART,
ORON J. R. BURY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. I. Grand Master's address referring to the consolidation of Charlevoix Council No. 81 with Petoskey Council No. 52, would respectfully recommend that the consolidation be confirmed by this Grand Council.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
A. W. STEWART,
ORON J. R. BURY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Your committee would suggest that the representative, Companion Rose, of Charlevoix Council No. 81, be allowed the per diem of this assembly.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
A. W. STEWART,
ORON J. R. BURY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. I. Grand Master's address referring to the new by-laws of Ionia Council No. 12, would recommend the approval of the copy presented, except the following in Article 6: "Companions in arrears for dues, under charges, etc., are not in good standing," which should be eliminated.

Article 7, the words, "And the fees should be forfeited to this council," should be eliminated.

Article 12 should be eliminated.

Rule 10 in Rules of Order, the words "in good standing" should be eliminated.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
A. W. STEWART,
OBON J. R. BURY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee

Companion Frank P. Wileox, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, read the following report of that committee, which was adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, beg to report that they have carefully examined the books and vouchers submitted by the above officers and find the same to be correct. The work of the Committee has been greatly lessened by reason of the admirable and systematic system of bookkeeping installed in these offices. Your Committee approve the recommendation of the most Illustrious Grand Master relative to the investment of reserve funds of the Grand Council, the increase of official bonds covering the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the purchase of a jewel for Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Hill, and recommend adoption of the same.

We further recommend that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to the Saginaw Temple Association for the hospitality of their beautiful temple during this assembly, and that \$5.00 be paid to the janitor of the building. Also that \$10.00 be paid to Grand Treasurer Alton for office expense.

We further recommend that a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's Jewel and apron be purchased and presented to Most Illustrious Grand Master Scadden as a token of the high regard entertained for him by this Grand Council, and as a further evidence of our appreciation of his devotion to the cause of Cryptic Masonry, we recommend that a Honorarium in the sum of \$50.00 be paid to him. Frank, as we like to call him, as we love to think of him, has set a pace that will challenge the energies of "Aspiring Youth" for years to come, if not for all time.

Your Committee is heartily in sympathy with the policy of Field work inaugurated by Most Illustrious Grand Master Scadden and recommend its continuance always with conservatism and an eye to the General Financial Fund. Also the following items which have been conservatively estimated should be provided for and are herewith recommended:

Grand Recorder's Salary	\$500.00
Grand Lecturer's Salary	400.00
Grand Lecturer's Expenses	250.00
Clerical Work	200.00
Correspondence report	100.00
Bonds and Insurance	25.00
Printing and distribution of proceedings	350.00

Your Committee fully appreciate the fact that the present rate of per diem does not cover actual expenses of representatives to this Grand Body, but until increased revenue be provided, are powerless to even suggest complete relief. However, we offer as a recommendation that the per diem rate be fixed at \$3.50 to take effect at the next annual assembly and to stand until otherwise provided for, said increase to apply to representatives in attendance upon the annual assembly and for no other occasion. All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK P. WILCOX,
MICHEL B. MCGEE,
GEO. W. LEEDLE.

Committee.

GRAND CHAPTER PAY ROLL.

	Miles, L. P.	Miles, U. P.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Frank Scadden, Crystal Falls.....				\$9.00	\$ 9.00
H. Burr Lee, Petoskey.....	191		\$11.46	6.00	17.46
Andrew L. Arthur, Pontiac.....	71		4.26	6.00	10.26
Dallas D. Alton, Fremont.....	126		7.50	9.00	16.50
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater.....				9.00	9.00
Frank V. Hale, Pontiac.....	71		4.26	9.00	13.36
John Claflin, Eaton Rapids.....				9.00	9.00
Howard E. Slocum, Corunna.....	41		2.46	6.00	8.46
Willis V. Capron, Frankfort.....	163		9.73	6.00	15.78
Charles W. Mixer, Hastings.....	111		6.66	6.00	12.66
James F. McGregor, Detroit.....				9.00	34.00
JURISPRUDENCE.					
Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids.....				9.00	9.00
Elwin F. Brown, Iron Mountain.....				9.00	9.00
Bert D. Smith, Portland.....				9.00	9.00
FINANCE.					
Frank P. Wilcox, Detroit.....				9.00	9.00
Michael B. McGee, Crystal Falls.....				9.00	9.00
George W. Leedle, Marshall.....				9.00	9.00
OBITUARY.					
John W. Moore, Houghton.....					
Will A. Thayer, Niles.....	177		10.62	9.00	19.62
Dorr Darling, Jonesville.....				6.00	6.00
Walter H. French, Lansing.....				6.00	6.00
P. G. MASTERS.					
George Hill, Alma.....				6.00	6.00
David Woodward, Clinton.....				6.00	6.00
William G. Hudson, Ludington.....				6.00	6.00
Alfred Baldrey, Detroit.....				6.00	6.00
Allen McKee, Manistee.....				6.00	6.00
George A. Cross, Lawrence.....				6.00	6.00
Ithamer T. Smith, Toledo.....				6.00	6.00
John H. Kingsley, Manchester.....				6.00	6.00
Bayard A. Church, Detroit.....				6.00	6.00
Frank O. Gilbert, Bay City.....				6.00	6.00
Charles H. Patterson, Jackson.....				6.00	6.00
Emory Townsend, Saginaw.....				6.00	6.00
William P. Perry, Hillsdale.....				6.00	6.00
John Nichol, Ionia.....				6.00	6.00
Clarence Howard, Three Rivers.....				6.00	6.00
Charles E. Converse, Grand Rapids.....				6.00	96.00
68 Councils at \$6.00.....					408.00
					\$745.00

Report on Obituaries

Companion Will A. Thayer, of the Obituary Committee, presented the following report from that committee, which was adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters of the State of Michigan:

DEAR COMPANIONS:

Another council year is drawing to a close and we, as your Committee on Obituaries, have been called to enumerate the missing companions who have been called to face the Supreme Architect and our Maker; and soon, too, we may be called to the final summons.

So let us take the lesson home with us, and draw from the practice of the lives of those dear companions who have preceded us the inspiration to do those things which are pleasant in His sight.

Now companions let us labor diligently and faithfully in the cause of truth, doing with all our might whatever our hands may find to do, so that we too may reap the reward of a well spent life.

Thank God, we only have two Past M. I. Grand Masters to eulogize at this time. But sad is the thought of our Companion Charles M. Norton, Past M. I. Grand Master-and Past Grand Treasurer, who died September 3, 1919, just a few months after the last Annual Assembly, at which time he declined to serve longer as Grand Treasurer.

Companion Charles Milan Norton was born October 30, 1847, in Depauville, Jefferson County, N. Y. He received the Symbolic degrees in Phoenix Lodge No. 123, 1884, in Leslie Chapter No. 100, at Leslie, Mich. He passed the Circle of Perfection in the Cryptic Rite in Leslie Council No. 50 at Leslie, Dec. 11, 1884; and was dubbed a Knight Templar in Jackson Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, Sept. 23, 1885, at Jackson, Mich. He was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret June 30, 1887, in Michigan Sovereign Consistory at Detroit, and was one of the old guard. He was made a member of Moslem Temple, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, June 30, 1887.

Companion Norton had a wide acquaintance throughout the State and his friendship was highly prized by all who knew him.

Companion Travers Phillips, Past M. I. Grand Master, 1890, died at his home in Hastings, January 5, 1920, and in twelve days would have reached the advanced age of 90 years.

Companion Phillips was born in Morgan, Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 5, 1830. His Masonic life had been a long and active one. He was made a Master Mason May 30, 1857, in Hastings Lodge No. 52,

F. & A. M.; was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, October 6, 1864, and 1869 dimitted and became the first Scribe of Hastings Chapter No. 68, at its organization, September 2, 1869. He was elected High Priest in 1872 and served seven terms. He was first T. I. Master of Giblum Council No. 49, Hastings, and served for twelve years. In 1886 he was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council and progressed through the lines until in 1890 he was elected M. I. Grand Master. For years he was President, and an active worker in the Grand Council of the High Priesthood of Michigan, retiring in 1914 on account of age. The record of that year says of him: "Excellent Companion Phillips was anointed High Priest by M. E. President A. I. Sawyer at the 14th annual convocation of the Michigan Grand Council of High Priesthood, held at Detroit, January 24, 1874. In 1883 he was elected Grand Herald, in 1886 Grand Chaplain, in 1889 Grand Vice President and in 1890, M. E. President. In the quarter of a century Companion Phillips filled the office of Grand President he missed but one meeting of the Order, in 1893, when he was detained by illness and from his sick bed made necessary arrangements for the rendition of the ceremonies. In his official capacity he anointed and consecrated to the Office of High Priesthood two hundred and forty-nine of the leading Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction.

IN MEMORIAM.

ALABAMA.

JOHN GILBERT SMITH, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Alabama 1895-1896. Died April 30, 1919.

CALIFORNIA.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Most Illustrious Grand Master of California, 1878-1879. Died May 10, 1919.

FLORIDA.

JAMES W. BOYD, Grand Recorder Grand Council of Florida, 1904-1905. Died May 29, 1919.

GEORGIA.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM POSTELL, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Georgia, 1908. Died June 19, 1919.

KANSAS.

JAMES SNEDDEN, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Kansas 1888. Died June 16, 1919.

MINNESOTA.

ALONZO BRANDENBURG, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota 1895. Died June 22, 1919.

FRANK MEYST, Deputy Grand Master of Minnesota 1909. Died May 7, 1919.

OLIVER ALONZO COBB, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota 1897. Died February 7, 1920.

MISSISSIPPI.

FREDERICK GORDON SPEED, Grand Recorder, Secretary of Mississippi, March 11, 1911 to October 19, 1919. Died October 19, 1919.

MAINE.

JAMES H. WITHERELL, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Maine 1910. Died September 9, 1919.

MARYLAND.

JAMES FRANKLIN ALLEN, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Maryland 1904. Died March 12, 1919.

EDWARD RICHARD TRIPPE, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Maryland, 1913. Died July 28, 1919.

MISSOURI.

MARTIN TONER BALSLEY, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Missouri 1905. Died March 9, 1920.

NEBRASKA.

LORENZO D. WOODRUFF, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Nebraska 1906. Died January 1, 1920.

JAMES TYLER, Most Illustrious Grand Master 1898. Died November 1, 1919.

OHIO.

HENRY EDWARD MORRISON, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ohio 1898. Died May 27, 1919.

OKLAHOMA.

JOHN COYLE, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Oklahoma 1889. Died 1919.

DANIEL MORRIS HAILEY, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Oklahoma 1901. Died, 1919.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. THAYER,
DORR DARLING,
Committee.

Report on Appeals

Companion Neil E. Reid, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, reported for that committee that no matters of appeals or grievances had been brought to the attention of that committee, and that it found the condition as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions:

Your Committee on Appeals, in conjunction with the Grand Recorder, have carefully examined the records and find that there are no appeals to consider, which we joyfully interpret to mean that all has been done in Truth, Honor and Justice.

Most respectfully submitted,

NEIL E. REID,
CHARLES M. WELCH,
FRANK FLANDERS.

Committee.

Correspondence Report

Companion Charles A. Conover, Committee on Correspondence, reported that the usual review of the printed proceedings of other Grand Councils had been made and was in type ready to be incorporated with the proceedings of this assembly.

He also reported the following notice of the organization of the new Grand Council of the District of Columbia, and on motion hearty greetings and recognition were extended and an exchange of Grand Representatives authorized.

**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 28, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of General Grand Council—Greeting:

You are hereby notified that on Saturday, April 5th, a Grand Council for the District of Columbia, was duly constituted by the M. P. General Grand Master in ample form and the following named Grand Officers were duly installed by him and have entered upon the discharge of their duties:

George E. Corson, War Department, Grand Master.
Walter B. Pettus, Deputy Grand Master.
Montgomery Hunter, Grand Principal Conductor.
George L. Sherman, Grand Treasurer.
John A. Colborn, 737 Quebec St., N. W., Grand Recorder.

Witness my hand and the seal of General Grand Council year and date above written.

By order of the M. P. General Grand Master.

[SEAL]

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

Petition for New Council

There was filed with the Grand Recorder a petition for a new council to be located at Alma, signed by thirteen companions. On motion the petition, which was incomplete, was referred to the incoming Grand Master for his action in the matter.

Acknowledgement

The following acknowledgement from the family of our late Companion Charles M. Norton, was read by the Grand Recorder:

Mrs. Charles M. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Norton, Mr. Bert R. Norton gratefully acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Companion Frank J. Wheaton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Thanks, read the report, which was adopted, as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of Royal and Select Masters of the Grand Council of Michigan, Assembled:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, from reports of the Grand Recorder there seems to be a consistent loss of membership by lapse for non-payment of dues, and

WHEREAS your committee does not believe this to be intentional for the most part on the part of the membership, and

WHEREAS your Committee on Resolutions after careful consideration believes that this difficulty can be overcome to a very great extent and,

WHEREAS it is the opinion of your Committee on Resolutions that the best and most efficient way to overcome the above difficulty would be for each T. I. M. to appoint a committee of three companions who may be designated as Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to check the books of the Recorder and Treasurer at least twice each year, and to assist the Recorder when necessary to collect dues: Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Grand Recorder shall and is hereby instructed to notify each subordinate council that it is the unanimous opinion of the 62nd assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, that this procedure be carried out in each council.

WHEREAS it is the opinion of your Committee on Resolutions that the success of the 62nd assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan is due principally to the untiring and efficient efforts of the Companions of Saginaw Council No. 20, in preparing for this assembly: Therefore be it

Resolved, that the sixty-second annual assembly of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of Michigan extend to Saginaw Council No. 20, their most sincere appreciation for the most efficient and impressive manner in which they conferred the Super Excellent degree, Monday evening, May 17, 1920, and that this appreciation be shown by a rising vote: and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions shall and hereby are made a part of the records of this the sixty-second annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

Signed:

W. J. HAUENSTEIN,

F. J. WHEATON,

H. E. LICK,

Committee,

Election of Grand Officers

The hour having arrived for the order of election of Grand Officers the M. I. Grand Master appointed as

TELLERS:

Companions CHARLES E. CONVERSE, P. G. M.
FRED G. HEUMANN,
EDWARD C. AMPHLETT.

COLLECTORS:

Companions CHAS. E. MORRISON,
L. C. HEYBURN,
FRANK HAGAR.

Grand Council Officers

After a careful scrutiny of the ballots cast, the following companions having a majority of all votes cast, were declared duly elected to the several offices named for the ensuing year:

H. BURR LEE, Petoskey, M. I. Grand Master.

ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, Pontiac, Deputy Grand Master.

DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont, Grand Treasurer.

CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, Coldwater, Grand Recorder.

REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids, Grand Chaplain.

FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac, Grand Lecturer.

HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM, Corunna, Grand Principal Conductor of Work.

WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON, Frankfort, Grand Captain of Guard.

CHARLES WADE MIXER, Hastings, Conductor of Council.

WILLARD B. OAKES, Lansing, Grand Steward.

JAMES F. McGREGOR, Detroit, Grand Sentinel.

Report of Ritual Committee

Companion Charles A. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Officers and Members of Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan:

The Committee on Ritual would respectfully report that as early as possible after the last Annual Assembly, arrangements were made with the S. F. Finch Printing Company of Adrian for publication of the ritual as adopted at the last meeting. An edition of four hundred copies was printed and three copies have been distributed to each of the subordinate councils under the plan adopted. Each council was notified to return the old rituals in their possession and the new ones would be supplied at once. Up to this report, the following councils have not complied with this request: Dundee No. 4, Battle Creek No. 9, Sturgis No. 13, St. Johns No. 21, Big Rapids No. 25, Holly No. 39, Reed City No. 55, and Williamston No. 64. One copy was furnished to each Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer.

Many of the Masters have expressed their appreciation and praise of the new ritual and its arrangement of the work.

A loose-leaf ledger account is kept of each ritual, in the Grand Recorder's office. The committee has not yet arranged for the making of the Master Key, believing that a few months use of the actual ritual in the hands of the councils, might bring out some possible clerical errors which could be properly corrected a little later.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. A. CONOVER,
FRANK V. HALE,
FRANK O. GILBERT,
Committee.

Jewel and Apron Presented

The Grand Recorder presented the regulation official jewel and apron of a Past M. I. Grand Master to Companion Frank Scadden and reminded him of the occasion of a presentation some years ago when Companion Scadden was to present a watch to a close and beloved friend. The "stage was set", the speeches prepared and the crowd ready, but when the

participants came to face each other and each looked into the eyes of the other, the speeches went glimmering and only tears and heart bumps were in evidence. At last after a long embarrassing wait Frank managed to say: "Here _____ take your old watch and go," handed his friend the gift and sat down.

Companion Scadden accepted the tokens of esteem and honor, promising to continue his active and aggressive labors in the Cryptic field and not stand aside and become a "has been".

Installation of Grand Officers

Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. M. I. G. M., then installed the Grand Officers above named into their respective offices with his own official ritual, Past Grand Master Wilcox acting Grand Marshal.

In presenting the gavel to the new Grand Master, Companion Winsor said: "In the language of Seadden, 'take this emblem of office and go to it.'"

Companion Lee responded that as "Seadden had blazed the trail, the rest must swamp out the land and clean up." He set a mark to shoot at as 2,000 gain in members this year. The suggestion was received with hearty applause.

Unfinished Business

Companion Fred G. Heumann, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the report of that committee, which was adopted as follows:

To the M. I. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business having examined the proceedings of the Grand Council of 1918, find that there is no unfinished business appearing before your committee.

FRED G. HEUMANN,
J. MASON SOPER,
CHAS. E. MORRISON.

Committee.

Standing Committees

The M. I. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

JURISPRUDENCE:

Companions LOU B. WINSOR, P. G. M., Grand Rapids.
ELWIN F. BROWN, Iron Mountain.
WILLIAM M. PERRETT, Detroit.

FINANCE:

Companions FRANK P. WILCOX, P. G. M., Detroit.
CHARLES E. CONVERSE, P. G. M., Grand Rapids.
EDWARD C. AMPHLETT, Big Rapids.

OBITUARIES:

Companions REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids.
GARFIELD A. BOTSFORD, Alpena.
DORR DARLING, Jonesville.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

RITUALS:

Companions CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.
FRANK V. HALE, Pontiac.
WALTER H. FRENCH, Lansing.
CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Jackson.
FRANK O. GILBERT, Bay City.

Closing

No further business appearing the Grand Master closed the Grand Council in AMPLE FORM at 11:05 A. M. The next annual assembly will be held in the City of Lansing, Monday, May 16, 1921, at 7:30 P. M.

H. BURR LEE,
M. I. Grand Master.



Attest:

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

MASTERS AND RECORDERS.

Number, Name and Location of Council.	T. I. Masters	Recorders
1 Monroe, Detroit.....	Milton R. R. Palmer.....	Frank P. Wilcox
3 Pontiac, Pontiac.....	Charles E. Tower.....	Elmer F. Luebke
4 River Raisin, Dundee.....	John P. Rankin.....	Fred Corkett
5 Jonesville, Jonesville.....	Dorr Darling.....	Ernest H. Saxton
6 Mt. Moriah, Coldwater.....	William H. Simons.....	Charles L. Keep
8 Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens.....	Nell E. Reid.....	John J. Whitney
9 Zebud, Battle Creek.....	William E. Goff.....	John E. Parry
10 Tyre, Grand Rapids.....	Fred H. Locke.....	William L. Freeman
11 Union, Ypsilanti.....	Oron J. R. Bury.....	Joseph R. Dell
12 Ionia, Ionia.....	John J. Culp.....	William F. Soule
13 Sturgis, Sturgis.....	Martin E. Aulbrook.....	Frank G. Heald
15 Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale.....	William P. Perry.....	John F. Fitzsimmons
16 Putnam, Hudson.....	Gage Wyckoff.....	Thomas H. Hows
18 Adrian, Adrian.....	Fred E. Ash.....	Milton E. Ingwersoll
19 Niles, Niles.....	Will A. Thayer.....	Thomas C. Hance
20 Saginaw, Saginaw.....	Charles M. Welch.....	Frank L. Robinson
21 St. Johns, St. Johns.....	J. Charles Flynn.....	William Cochrane
23 Portland, Portland.....	John B. Hecox.....	Charles F. Gilden
24 Adoniram, Manchester.....	Mat. D. Blosser.....	Roland F. Widmayer
25 King Solomon, Big Rapids.....	Henry R. McKinstry.....	George W. Milner
26 Clinton, Clinton.....	Charles D. Starrett.....	Frank B. Kilby
27 Oceana, Pentwater.....	Edward I. Bates.....	Daniel J. Halstead
29 Lansing, Lansing.....	Willard B. Oakes.....	Fernando C. Parker
32 Jackson, Jackson.....	Frank J. Wheaton.....	Clarence L. Curtis
33 Ithaca, Ithaca.....	W. Webb McCall.....	Frank M. Harrington
34 Blanchard, Tecumseh.....	Joseph H. Smith.....	George S. Field
35 Union City, Union City.....	Lewis D. Wilcox.....	Harry W. Rowe
36 Charlotte, Charlotte.....	Wesley J. Hauenstein.....	Claude E. Fisher
37 Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers.....	Charles G. Mahana.....	Milbert W. Lott
38 Corunna, Corunna.....	Harry Eesley.....	Edwin F. Conant
39 Holly, Holly.....	R. D. Bird.....	William H. Carr
42 Lawrence, Lawrence.....	Sidney F. Stearns.....	Leslie Whiteman
44 St. Joseph, St. Joseph.....	Henry E. Lick.....	Leonard E. Merchant
46 South Haven, South Haven.....	Milford H. French.....	Melvin E. Pearman
48 Manistee, Manistee.....	Martin W. Brown.....	Charles W. O'Donnell
48 Ludington, Ludington.....	Engval A. Pearson.....	Claude B. Bailey
49 Giblum, Hastings.....	Charles W. Mixer.....	F. E. Adair
50 Leslie, Leslie.....	William H. Johnston.....	Benjamin A. Davis
52 Petoskey, Petoskey.....	Yorgon Jesperson.....	Adelbert D. Phelps
53 Bay City, Bay City.....	M. Seth Babcock.....	Edgar M. Sharp
54 Muskegon, Muskegon.....	Albert W. Stewart.....	Frank B. Hinckman
55 Reed City, Reed City.....	Carl W. Tiffany.....	Homer J. Crocker
56 Flint, Flint.....	Fred Tiedeman.....	Charles S. H. Chase
57 Albion, Albion.....	Edward R. Loud.....	Frank Laberteaux
58 Sahgonahkato, Alpena.....	Garfield A. Botsford.....	W. E. Williams
59 Marine City, Marine City.....	Rowland G. Baker.....	Hiram Calkins
60 Inverness, Cheboygan.....	George A. Hugill.....	George P. Humphrey
61 Traverse City, Traverse City.....	Fred G. Heumann.....	Ellery P. Allen
62 Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge.....	J. Mason Soper.....	George W. Hilliker
63 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo.....	Rowland L. Soule.....	Frank J. McEntee
64 Williamston, Williamston.....	Guy E. Wint.....	Charles E. Morrison
65 Hawawtha, Manistique.....	Harry Eriksen.....	Harry Adams
67 King Cyrus, Crystal Falls.....	Frank Scadden.....	Eugene J. Oswald
68 St. Louis, St. Louis.....	Elias C. Phillips.....	Vere E. Nunn
69 Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie.....	Henry Berton.....	David E. Vandusen
70 Cadillac, Cadillac.....	Charles H. Sinclair.....	James Johnston
71 David S. Kendall, Houghton.....	John W. Moore.....	John W. Chynoweth
72 Marquette, Marquette.....	John H. O'Meara.....	J. August Anderson
73 Livingston, Howell.....	Charles E. Gough.....	William E. Beach
74 Fred L. Wells, Port Huron.....	Orton L. Deviney.....	Fred C. Ballentine
75 Darius, Iron Mountain.....	John James.....	Charles E. Anderson
76 Fremont, Fremont.....	William H. Barnum.....	Prince A. Jibson
77 Sandusky, Sandusky.....	Benj. W. Moore.....	Thomas E. Dawson
78 Colon, Colon.....	David L. Akey.....	Fabius A. Flisk
79 Mt. Sinai, Bronson.....	L. Gordon Brewer.....	David T. Brown
80 Bessemer, Bessemer.....	William A. McMinn.....	Alex. Strom
81 Charlevoix, Charlevoix.....	Mason H. Rose.....	Mason H. Rose
82 Benzie, Frankfort.....	Willis V. Capron.....	Birney M. Collier
83 Eaton Rapids, E. Rapids.....	Harry H. Milbourn.....	Herbert A. Gillett

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

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No.	Name and Location	Members 1918						Members 1919						Stated Assemblies Held.	
		Super-Ex. Masters	Admitted.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Life Members.	Assemblies Held.	Assemblies Held.	Assemblies Held.	Assemblies Held.	Assemblies Held.	Assemblies Held.	
1	Monroe, Detroit.....	1183	171	1	17	8	...	1,330	12	12	1st Monday				
3	Pontiac, Pontiac.....	323	42	1	4	3	...	362	8	14	1st Monday				
4	River Raisin, Dundee.....	72	22	1	3	3	...	92	...	7	Wed on or bef.				
5	Jonesville, Jonesville.....	102	21	...	1	3	...	119	...	9	2nd Thur. after				
6	Mt. Moriah, Coldwater.....	124	37	...	1	1	...	160	2	14	2nd Monday				
8	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens.....	255	6	...	1	1	...	260	...	6	1st Thursday				
9	Zabud, Battle Creek.....	167	13	...	2	4	4	170	7	7	2nd Friday				
10	Tyre, Grand Rapids.....	499	121	1	1	8	1	2	611	10	10	2nd Tuesday			
11	Union, Ypsilanti.....	241	48	1	3	6	...	287	7	16	3rd Wednesday				
12	Ionia, Ionia.....	130	20	...	2	4	48	96	...	6	3rd Thursday				
12	Sturgis, Sturgis.....	41	11	...	2	2	...	50	...	5	1st Thursday				
15	Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale.....	161	23	...	1	3	1	3	178	7	9	2nd Monday			
16	Putnam, Hudson.....	76	...	...	1	1	...	74	...	5	Fri on or after			
18	Adrian, Adrian.....	131	19	3	4	4	1	144	3	9	1st Tuesday				
19	Niles, Niles.....	87	36	...	1	1	...	122	1	9	Thursday after				
20	Saginaw, Saginaw.....	261	26	2	2	4	5	282	6	16	1st Monday				
21	St. Johns, St. Johns.....	132	11	...	2	2	...	141	...	7	Wed before B. L.				
23	Portland, Portland.....	36	30	...	4	4	...	62	1	8	3rd Wednesday				
24	Adoniram, Manchester.....	112	44	...	5	1	1	149	1	7	Tuesday after				
25	King Solomon, Big Rapids.....	47	...	...	2	2	...	45	1	1	1st Tuesday			
26	Clinton, Clinton.....	51	...	...	1	2	...	48	6	1	Thur on or before			
27	Oceana, Pentwater.....	40	7	...	...	...	...	47	2	6	2nd Monday			
29	Lansing, Lansing.....	281	60	1	5	2	...	335	4	13	1st Wednesday				
32	Jackson, Jackson.....	278	51	1	4	3	6	417	4	12	2nd Monday				
33	Ithaca, Ithaca.....	39	6	...	1	2	...	44	5	7	2nd Thursday				
34	Blanchard, Tecumseh.....	117	2	1	1	1	...	119	6	3	1st Tuesday				
35	Union City, Union City.....	69	9	...	1	1	...	77	4	2	Wednesday before				
36	Charlotte, Charlotte.....	173	17	...	2	3	...	185	...	2	1st Thursday				
37	Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers.....	46	9	5	2	1	...	57	...	10	3rd Wednesday				
36	Corunna, Corunna.....	69	7	...	3	2	...	73	3	6	2nd Wednesday				
39	Holly, Holly.....	58	6	...	1	1	...	63	3	4	1st Wednesday				
43	Lawrence, Lawrence.....	229	3	...	4	4	...	228	10	3	Thursday after				
44	St. Joseph, St. Joseph.....	130	2	...	6	1	...	125	2	8	Thursday after				
45	South Haven, South Haven.....	123	...	...	4	4	...	119	6	1	Fri on or before			
46	Manistee, Manistee.....	73	11	...	1	1	...	82	...	7	3rd Friday				
48	Ludington, Ludington.....	58	7	...	...	...	...	65	3	8	1st Tuesday			
49	Giblum, Hastings.....	43	21	...	2	8	...	54	5	11	2nd Monday				
50	Leslie, Leslie.....	123	1	...	2	2	...	122	1	3	2nd Thursday				
52	Petoskey, Petoskey.....	139	...	...	1	2	1	135	...	4	1st Monday			
53	Bay City, Bay City.....	130	12	1	2	1	3	137	12	2	2nd Monday				
54	Muskegon, Muskegon.....	242	28	2	1	1	7	263	1	13	1st Friday				
55	Reed City, Reed City.....	53	1	...	...	...	...	54	...	1	1st Friday			
56	Flint, Flint.....	268	12	...	6	2	...	274	...	8	1st Monday				
57	Albion, Albion.....	126	7	2	2	1	...	132	...	1	2nd Friday				
58	Sahgonahkato, Alpena.....	101	...	...	2	2	...	97	5	1	1st Thursday			
59	Marine City, Marine City.....	102	13	2	2	1	...	114	...	8	1st Wednesday				
60	Inverness, Cheboygan.....	68	4	...	...	...	...	72	...	4	3rd Wednesday			
61	Traverse City, Traverse City.....	112	27	...	1	1	...	138	1	18	1st Friday				
62	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge.....	39	11	...	1	1	...	49	3	3	Monday after				
63	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo.....	165	76	1	9	1	...	232	1	11	1st Thursday				
64	Williamston, Williamston.....	50	...	...	1	1	...	49	1	2	1st Monday			
65	Hawawatha, Manistique.....	150	...	1	1	1	...	150	...	4	1st Tuesday				
67	King Cyrus, Crystal Falls.....	81	8	...	1	1	...	88	...	3	1st Tuesday				
68	St. Louis, St. Louis.....	60	27	...	1	1	...	86	2	3	2nd Monday				
69	Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie.....	118	3	...	2	2	...	119	...	7	2nd Thursday				
70	Cadillac, Cadillac.....	79	9	...	2	1	...	85	...	7	3rd Tuesday				
71	David S. Kendall, Hoaghton.....	203	2	...	1	3	...	205	...	...	...	...	...	...
72	Marquette, Marquette.....	69	...	...	1	3	...	65	...	2	3rd Wednesday			
73	Livingston, Howell.....	32	12	...	4	4	...	44	...	3	Tues on or before				
74	Fred L. Wells, Port Huron.....	148	29	...	2	1	1	174	...	9	2nd Monday				

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

No.	Name and Location	Members 1918		Super-Ex. Masters		Members 1919		Life Members.		Assemblies Held.	Stated Assemblies
		Admitted.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed.	Suspended.					
75	Darius, Iron Mountain.....	26	7	1	2	.....	32	5	2nd Thursday		
76	Fremont, Fremont.....	52	.....	2	.....	.....	50	1	2nd Tuesday		
77	Sandusky, Sandusky.....	82	4	1	1	.....	85	5	Thur aft 2nd Wed		
78	Colon, Colon.....	35	9	1	.....	.....	43	6	1st Thursday		
79	Mt. Sinai, Bronson.....	60	7	.....	.....	.....	67	12	2nd Thursday		
80	Bessemer, Bessemer.....	20	1	.....	.....	.....	21	5	2nd Wednesday		
81	Charlevoix, Charlevoix.....	36	.....	1	.....	.....	35	2	2nd Monday		
82	Benzie, Frankfort.....	44	13	1	.....	.....	56	1	11)3rd Thursday		
83	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids.....	26	26	1	.....	.....	53	7	1st Thursday		
Total		9196	1268	2016	152	60	90	10,198	159	458	

*Charter revoked, 1918.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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No.	Name and Location.	Total Members.	Exempt from Dues	Subject to Dues.	Grand Council Dues at 30c.	Select Masters.	Fees Due at \$1.00.	Additions Omitted.	Deductions Omitted.	Total Paid for 1919.
1	Monroe, Detroit.....	1330	230	1100	\$330.00	157	\$157.00			\$487.00
3	Pontiac, Pontiac	862	51	311	93.30	42	42.00	\$8.40		143.70
4	River Raisin, Dundee.....	92	23	69	20.70	19	19.00	.90		40.60
5	Jonesville, Jonesville.....	119	22	97	29.10	21	21.00			50.10
6	Mt. Moriah, Coldwater.....	160	42	118	35.40	32	32.00			67.40
8	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens.....	260	11	249	74.70	6	6.00			80.70
9	Zabud, Battle Creek.....	170	23	147	44.10	18	13.00			57.10
10	Tyre, Grand Rapids.....	611	141	470	141.00	121	121.00			262.00
11	Union, Ypsilanti.....	287	60	227	68.10	43	43.00		.80	110.80
12	Ionia, Ionia.....	96	22	74	22.20	27	27.00			49.20
13	Sturgis, Sturgis.....	50	12	38	11.40	11	11.00			22.40
15	Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale.....	178	32	146	43.80	28	28.00			71.80
16	Putnam, Hudson.....	74	7	67	20.10					20.10
18	Adrian, Adrian.....	144	32	112	33.60	19	19.00			52.60
19	Niles, Niles	122	38	84	25.20	32	32.00			57.20
20	Saginaw, Saginaw	282	42	240	72.00	30	30.00	.60	2.40	100.20
21	St. Johns, St. Johns.....	141	17	124	37.20	23	23.00			60.20
23	Portland, Portland.....	62	38	24	7.20	30	30.00			37.20
24	Adoniram, Manchester.....	149	46	103	30.90	44	44.00			74.90
25	King Solomon, Big Rapids.....	45	2	43	12.90					12.90
26	Clinton, Clinton	48	8	40	12.00					12.00
27	Oceana, Pentwater	47	10	37	11.10	7	7.00			18.10
29	Lansing, Lansing	335	69	266	79.80	60	60.00			139.80
32	Jackson, Jackson	417	61	356	106.80	58	58.00		.60	164.20
33	Ithaca, Ithaca	44	12	32	9.60	6	6.00		.60	15.00
34	Blanchard, Tecumseh	119	10	109	32.70	8	8.00			40.70
35	Union City, Union City.....	77	15	62	18.60	9	9.00			27.60
36	Charlotte, Charlotte	185	24	161	48.30	17	17.00			65.30
37	Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers.....	57	14	43	12.90	14	14.00			26.90
38	Corunna, Corunna	73	11	62	18.60	23	23.00			41.60
39	Holly, Holly	63	4	59	17.70	4	4.00			21.70
43	Lawrence, Lawrence	228	11	217	65.10	3	3.00			68.10
44	St. Joseph, St. Joseph	125	6	119	35.70	13	13.00			48.70
45	South Haven, South Haven.....	119	7	112	33.60					33.60
46	Manistee, Manistee	82	14	68	20.40	5	5.00		.90	24.50
48	Ludington, Ludington	65	12	53	15.90	14	14.00			29.90
49	Giblum, Hastings	54	27	27	8.10	24	24.00		.30	31.80
50	Leslie, Leslie	122	5	117	35.10					35.10
52	Petoskey, Petoskey	135	8	127	38.10					38.10
53	Bay City, Bay City	137	25	112	33.60	12	12.00			45.60
54	Muskegon, Muskegon	263	34	229	68.70	28	28.00			96.70
55	Reed City, Reed City	54	5	49	14.70					14.70
56	Flint, Flint	274	13	261	78.30	15	15.00			93.30
57	Albion, Albion	132	9	123	36.90	7	7.00			43.90
58	Sahgonahkato, Alpena	97	6	91	27.30					27.30
59	Marine City, Marine City.....	114	14	100	30.00	13	13.00			43.00
60	Inverness, Cheboygan	72	5	67	20.10	4	4.00			24.10
61	Traverse City, Traverse City.....	138	30	108	32.40	22	22.00			54.40
62	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	49	15	34	10.20	11	11.00			21.20
63	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	232	83	149	44.70	73	73.00	1.30	.30	118.70
64	Williamston, Williamston	49	2	47	14.10					14.10
65	Hiawatha, Hiawatha	150	1	149	44.70					44.70
67	King Cyrus, Crystal Falls	88	9	79	23.70	6	6.00			29.70
68	St. Louis, St. Louis	86	30	56	16.80	27	27.00			43.80
69	Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie.....	119	10	109	32.70	8	8.00			40.70
70	Cadillac, Cadillac	85	14	71	21.30	9	9.00			30.30
71	David S. Kendall, Houghton	205	3	202	60.60					60.60
72	Marquette, Marquette	65	3	62	18.60					18.60
73	Livingston, Howell	44	13	31	9.30	12	12.00			21.30
74	Fred L. Wells, Port Huron.....	174	34	140	42.00	31	31.00			73.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

No.	Name and Location.	Total Members.	Exempt from Dues	Subject to Dues.	Grand Council Dues at 30c.	Select Masters.	Fees Due at \$1.00.	Additions Omitted.	Deductions Omitted.	Total Paid for 1919.
75	Darius, Iron Mountain	32	8	24	7.20	7	7.00			14.20
76	Fremont, Fremont	50	1	49	14.70					14.70
77	Sandusky, Sandusky	85	1	84	25.20	4	4.00			29.20
78	Colon, Colon	43	10	33	9.90	10	10.00			19.90
79	Mt. Sinai, Bronson	67	18	49	14.70	12	12.00			26.70
80	Bessemer, Bessemer	21	2	19	5.70	7	7.00			12.70
81	Charlevoix, Charlevoix	35	3	32	9.60					9.60
82	Benzie, Frankfort	56	15	41	12.30	16	16.00			28.30
83	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids	53	27	26	7.80	26	26.00			33.80

RECAPITULATION TOTALS.

Number of members	10,198
Number exempt from dues.....	1,662
Number subject to dues.....	8,536
Grand Council dues at 30c	\$ 2,560.80
Number Select Masters chosen.....	1,323
Grand Council fees at \$1.00	1,323.00
Additions omitted in 1918.....	11.20
Deductions omitted in 1918.....	5.40
Total dues paid for 1919.....	3,889.60

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

	1918	1919
Number of Councils.....	69	69
Total membership last year.....	9,111	9,196
Passed the Circle in the year.....	381	1,268
Affiliated	18	20
Restored	11	16
 Total membership and gains.....	 9,521	 10,500
Died	168	152
Dimitted	82	60
Suspended	75	90
Total losses	325	302
 Total membership of Councils.....	 9,196	 10,198
Net gain for the year.....	85	1,002
Number of Select Masters chosen.....	442	1,323
Total receipts for dues.....	\$2,939.60	

Twelve Councils still meet by the full of the moon.

The Councils greeting 20 or over in 1919 were: numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 32, 49, 54, 61, 63, 68, 74, 83.

Fifty-four Councils gained in members: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 49, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83.

Fourteen Councils lost in members: 12, 16, 25, 26, 43, 44, 45, 50, 52, 58, 64, 72, 76, 81.

One Council same members: 65.

Eleven Councils having no greetings: 16, 25, 26, 45, 52, 58, 64, 65, 72, 76, 81.

Numbers of Defunct Councils: 2, 7, 14, 17, 22, 28, 30, 31, 40, 41, 42, 47, 51, 66.

**SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS GREETED FOR PRECEDING TEN
YEARS. FOR CURRENT YEAR SEE "ABSTRACT OF RETURNS."**

No. and Name of Council.	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	Tot.
1 Monroe, Detroit	30	38	20	46	61	48	17	44	99	19	422
3 Pontiac, Pontiac	14	16	7	25	12	14	77	25	36	4	230
4 River Raisin, Dundee	1	4	2	1	10	7					25
5 Jonesville, Jonesville	4	11	2	13	4	5	8	8	10	5	72
6 Mt. Moriah, Coldwater	7	2	1	11				4	14	9	43
8 Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens	18	14	31	10	6	11	8	17	29	40	184
9 Zabud, Battle Creek	3	7	27	20	6	6	24	5	2	1	101
10 Tyre, Grand Rapids	20	16	51	58	68	80	26	10	1	13	343
11 Union, Ypsilanti	4	21	11	15	10		20	15	3	5	104
12 Ionia, Ionia			1			7	13				21
13 Sturgis, Sturgis		2				3		1	5		11
15 Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale	7	9	11		13	17			13	6	76
16 Putnam, Hudson	4	7	4	10		1			10		36
18 Adrian, Adrian	9	8	7		2	2			36	2	66
19 Niles, Niles		5	2	4	2	7	9		8		37
20 Saginaw, Saginaw	19	12	9	22	34	16	13		7		132
21 St. Johns, St. Johns			16			4	9				29
23 Portland, Portland		3				3				2	8
24 Adoniram, Manchester			16						18		34
25 King Solomon, Big Rapids		4				6			6		16
26 Clinton, Clinton		3		1		3	8		2		17
27 Oceana, Pentwater			1	8	5	1		2		1	18
29 Lansing, Lansing	3	30	3	7	4	9	16	18	26	43	159
32 Jackson, Jackson	21	30	28	30	25	25		20	22	17	218
33 Ithaca, Ithaca					4						4
34 Blanchard, Tecumseh	6	7	11	5	4	12	5				54
35 Union City, Union City	1	2	2	1	2	2	2		4	4	20
36 Charlotte, Charlotte	33			12	10	8	32	12	11		118
37 Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers	1	8	19	1	6	1			2		38
38 Corunna, Corunna	18		4			20			1		43
39 Holly, Holly		2				2	5			19	28
42 Lapeer, Lapeer	1	2	2	2						28	35
43 Lawrence, Lawrence	13	13		19	5	22	6	3	16	5	102
44 St. Joseph, St. Joseph	3	8	7				38	7		4	67
45 South Haven, South Haven	9	6	12		5		11	2			45
46 Manistee, Manistee	4	1	23	20	6						54
48 Ludington, Ludington			3		7			3	1		14
49 Gibium, Hastings	4	4	1		2			1	6		18
50 Leslie, Leslie	23	4		10		32	15	5			89
51 Grand Haven, Grand Haven	1		1		2						4
52 Petoskey, Petoskey	2	33	50	5	29	4	7	2		11	143
53 Bay City, Bay City	10	14	11		8		4			28	75
54 Muskegon, Muskegon	19	26		2	27	13	7	27			116
55 Reed City, Reed City					2			3	3		8
56 Flint, Flint	7	11	34	48	27	3	16	5	28		179
57 Albion, Albion	2		3			8		1	6	7	27
58 Sahgonahkato, Alpena	2		5	4		18		3		16	48
59 Marine City, Marine City	1	14	6	12	1		4	11	6		55
60 Inverness, Cheboygan	6	15		10				3			34
61 Traverse City, Traverse City	5	2	7		1	1		4	10		30
62 Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	1	2	1		1			2	5	1	13
63 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	6	6	18	10	13	16	6	1	8		84
64 Williamston, Williamston	2	3			7			4	5	3	24
65 Hiawatha, Manistique	13	28	3		7	10		12	5		78
67 King Cyrus, Crystal Falls	5	6	1		29	12		8			61
68 St. Louis, St. Louis											
69 Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie	1	47	6	1		2		1		4	62
70 Cadillac, Cadillac	2	3	1	3	7	13	4	3	1		37
71 David S. Kendall, Houghton	31	40	14	16	3	1	19		1		125
72 Marquette, Marquette	7			10	8			2	1		28
73 Livingston, Howell	3	2	4				3				12
74 Fred L. Wells, Port Huron	2	6	17	11	23	11	18	8	7	20	123
75 Darius, Iron Mountain								2			2
76 Fremont, Fremont		14	16		5				7		42
77 Sandusky, Sandusky		30	23	7	7	3	4	3			77
78 Colon, Colon			5	2	4	2		8	3		24
79 Mt. Sinai, Bronson					2	11	5	6	1	21	46
80 Bessemer, Bessemer								2			2
81 Charlevoix, Charlevoix						5	1				6
82 Benzie, Frankfort						2	6	4	17		29
83 Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids									8		8

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ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES AND STATISTICS.

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Year.	Date.	Place.	No. Select Masters.	No. Super Ex. Masters	Membership.	Gain (*Loss)	Receipts.	No. Councils.
1858	Jan. 13	Detroit	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 4.00	33
1859	Jan. 12	Detroit	.....	.....	150	.....	123.00	33
1860	Jan. 11	Detroit	.....	.....	261	111	70.19	7
1861	Jan. 8	Detroit	.....	.....	261	0	80.00	10
1861	June 5	Detroit	.....	.....	310	49	33.00	13
1862	June 12	Detroit	.....	.....	368	58	60.00	14
1863	June 3	Detroit	.....	.....	408	40	21.40	14
1864	June 8	Detroit	.....	.....	594	86	83.00	14
1865	June 7	Detroit	.....	.....	747	153	249.00	19
1866	June 6	Detroit	.....	.....	860	123	219.00	19
1867	June 5	Detroit	.....	.....	1130	270	194.00	21
1868	Jan. 8	Detroit	.....	.....	1207	77	232.51	23
1869	Jan. 13	Detroit	138	.....	1377	270	209.55	27
1870	Jan. 10	Detroit	.....	174	1599	222	320.15	31
1871	Jan. 9	Detroit	.....	.....	1728	129	239.70	85
1872	Jan. 2	Detroit	73	.....	1892	164	227.20	35
1873	Jan. 1	Detroit	208	.....	1930	102	208.00	37
1874	Jan. 19	Detroit	101	.....	1936	136	167.00	37
1875	Jan. 18	Detroit	208	.....	1986	56	799.25	45
1876	Jan. 17	Detroit	193	.....	1946	*40	680.00	49
1877	Jan. 15	Detroit	143	.....	2003	57	615.00	50
1878	Jan. 14	Detroit	121	.....	2000	*3	581.00	50
1879	Jan. 20	Jackson	115	.....	2000	0	546.25	50
1880	Jan. 19	Jackson	63	.....	1979	*21	459.25	50
1881	Jan. 17	East Saginaw	103	.....	1695	*284	512.98	50
1882	Jan. 16	Flint	131	.....	1883	188	522.00	42
1883	Jan. 15	Detroit	143	.....	2059	176	602.25	43
1884	Jan. 14	Detroit	224	.....	2070	11	694.25	43
1885	Jan. 19	Detroit	134	.....	2102	32	604.00	44
1886	Jan. 18	Detroit	140	.....	2104	2	601.75	44
1887	Jan. 17	Detroit	113	.....	2270	166	601.75	44
1888	Jan. 16	Grand Rapids	172	.....	2429	159	702.25	44
1889	Jan. 14	Grand Rapids	245	.....	2614	185	797.00	45
1890	Jan. 20	Grand Rapids	276	.....	2741	127	919.75	46
1891	Jan. 19	Detroit	218	.....	3061	320	866.25	48
1892	Jan. 18	Detroit	424	.....	3360	299	1,128.75	46
1893	Jan. 16	Detroit	402	.....	3576	216	1,121.00	49
1894	Jan. 15	Saginaw, E. S.	345	.....	3736	160	1,141.00	49
1895	Jan. 14	Detroit	271	.....	4006	270	1,126.75	49
1896	Jan. 20	Detroit	392	.....	4123	117	1,310.25	54
1897	Jan. 18	Saginaw	260	.....	4337	214	1,357.82	57
1898	Jan. 17	Grand Rapids	325	.....	4327	*10	1,285.25	59
1899	Jan. 16	Detroit	241	.....	4503	176	1,265.00	56
1900	Jan. 15	Detroit	223	.....	4567	64	1,185.50	59
1901	Jan. 14	Detroit	198	.....	4637	70	1,233.87	57
1902	Jan. 20	Detroit	181	.....	4808	171	1,948.00	58
1903	Jan. 19	Detroit	324	.....	5130	322	1,567.00	58
1904	Jan. 18	Lansing	468	.....	5498	368	1,684.50	58
1905	Jan. 16	Detroit	509	.....	5802	304	2,403.79	58
1906	May 14	Saginaw	471	.....	6365	563	2,479.19	61
1907	May 20	Port Huron	762	.....	6783	418	2,016.20	63
1908	May 18	Detroit	493	.....	6992	209	1,979.60	63
1909	May 17	Bay City	366	.....	7148	156	1,967.75	63
1910	May 16	Lansing	340	.....	7562	414	2,356.50	64
1911	June 25	Marquette	566	7906	844	.....	2,345.50	67
1912	June 24	Grand Rapids	479	8217	311	2,879.00	68	
1913	June 23	Saginaw	529	8482	265	2,957.70	69	
1914	May 18	Detroit	527	8785	303	2,899.45	70	
1915	May 17	Kalamazoo	472	8981	196	3,088.66	70	
1916	May 15	Battle Creek	341	318	9111	166	2,992.70	71
1917	May 14	Jackson	533	530	1002	.....	2,823.70	71
1918	May 20	Detroit	442	381	9196	85	2,939.60	69
1919	May 19	Grand Rapids	1323	1268	10198	4,056.25	69	

HISTORICAL REGISTER OF COUNCILS

No.	Council	Location	Date of Dispensation	Date of Charter	Revoked or Surrendered	Remarks
1	Monroe	Detroit	1855.	Conn. May 12, 1857.	Rev. 1878	Rechartered by G. C. Records not returned.
2	St. Clair	St. Clair	1856.	Conn. May 12, 1857.	.....	Rechart. by G. C. 1858
3	Pontiac	Pontiac	1856.	Conn. May 12, 1857.	.....	Rem. fm. Monroe 1892
4	River Raisin	Dundee	1855.	Jan. 10, 1860.	.....	Ch. burned Dec. 1864
5	Jonesville	Jonesville	1859.	Jan. 10, 1860.	.....	.....
6	Mt. Moriah	Coldwater	1858.	Jan. 10, 1860.	Air. Dec. 15, 1882.	.....
7	Three Rivers	Three Rivers	None	Jan. 10, 1860.	Nov. 27, 1892	Removed from Romeo
8	Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens	1860.	Jan. 8, 1861.	.....	.....
9	Zabud	Battle Creek	1860.	Jan. 8, 1861.	.....	.....
10	Tyre	Grand Rapids	1860.	Jan. 8, 1861.	.....	.....
11	Union	Ypsilanti	1861.	June 5, 1861.	.....	.....
12	Ionia	Ionia	1861.	June 5, 1861.	.....	Charter burned 1862
13	Sturgis	Sturgis	1861.	June 5, 1861.	.....	.....
14	Hiram	Marshall	1861.	June 5, 1861.	Rev. Dec. 16, 1882	Restored 1891.
15	Mt. Ararat	Hillsdale	Oct. 6, 1865.	June 7, 1865.	.....	Changed name from Hudson 1896
16	Putnam	Hudson	Jan. 7, 1865.	June 7, 1865.	Sur. Oct. 23, 1877 .....	.....
17	Genesee	Fentonville	Jan. 28, 1865.	June 7, 1865.	Arr. Jan. 7, 1889 .....	.....
18	Adrian	Adrian	Aug. 15, 1865.	June 6, 1866.	.....	.....
19	Niles	Niles	June 10, 1866.	June 6, 1866.	.....	.....
20	Saginaw	Saginaw	None	June 6, 1866.	.....	.....
21	St. Johns	St. Johns	1867.	June 6, 1867.	.....	Records not Returned
22	Mosiac	Petersburg	July, 1867.	Jan. 8, 1868.	Rev. Dec. 28, 1877	Ch. burned Mar. 1885
23	Portland	Portland	March, 1868.	Jan. 8, 1868.	.....	.....
24	Adoniram	Manchester	June, 1868.	Jan. 13, 1869.	.....	.....
25	King Solomon	Big Rapids	July, 14, 1868.	Jan. 13, 1869.	.....	.....
26	Clinton	Clinton	None	Jan. 13, 1869.	.....	.....
27	Oceana	Pentwater	None	Jan. 13, 1869.	Arr. Dec. 15, 1882 .....	.....
28	Dowagiac	Dowagiac	None	Jan. 10, 1870.	.....	Records not Returned
29	Lansing	Lansing	None	Jan. 10, 1870.	Rev. Feb. 17, 1901 .....	.....
30	Northville	Northville	None	Jan. 11, 1870.	Arr. Dec. 16, 1882 .....	.....
31	Reading	Reading	Sept. 28, 1870.	Jan. 11, 1871.	.....	Restored Jan. 20, 1893
32	Jackson	Jackson	Oct. 8, 1870.	Jan. 11, 1871.	.....	.....
33	Ithaca	Ithaca .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

34	Blanchard	Tecumseh	None	Jan.	11	1871.	Surrendered	1877.	Restored Jan. 20, 1903
35	Union City	Union City	None	Jan.	11	1871.	Removed from Con-		
36	Charlotte	Charlotte	None	Mar.	19	1872.	stantine	1889	
37	Nobuzaradan	Three Rivers	May	14	1872.	Jan.	1	1873.	
38	Corunna	Corunna	Feb.	18	1874.	Jan.	18	1875.	Ch. burned Dec. 24, 1902
39	Holly	Holly	None	Feb.	2	1875.	Jan.	18	1875.
40	Bronson	Bronson	Mar.	5	1875.	Jan.	18	1876.	Rev. Feb. 19, 1900.
41	Centreville	Centreville	May	1	1875.	Jan.	18	1876.	Arr. Dec. 16, 1882.
42	Lapeer	Lapeer	Oct.	1	1875.	Jan.	18	1876.	Rev. May 15, 1917.
43	Lawrence	Lawrence	Oct.	9	1875.	Jan.	18	1876.	Records returned.
44	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	Nov.	26	1875.	Jan.	18	1876.	
45	South Haven	South Haven	Dec.	4	1876.	Jan.	18	1876.	
46	Manistee	Manistee	None	Aug.	4	1876.	Jan.	18	1876.
47	Newaygo	Newaygo	Aug.	23	1876.	Jan.	18	1877.	Arr. Jan. 12, 1884.
48	Ludington	Ludington	May	17	1876.	Jan.	18	1877.	Records not Returned
49	Giblum	Hastings	Aug.	12	1877.	Jan.	18	1877.	
50	Leslie	Leslie	May	12	1877.	Jan.	16	1878.	
51	Grand Haven	Grand Haven	Mar.	15	1878.	Jan.	17	1882.	Rev. May 21, 1918.
52	Petoskey	Petoskey	Sept.	13	1881.	Jan.	17	1882.	Records returned.
53	Bay City	Bay City	Nov.	13	1883.	Jan.	15	1884.	
54	Muskegon	Muskegon	Dec.	25	1884.	Jan.	20	1885.	Disp. revoked
U D	Edmore	Edmore	Feb.	6	1888.	None			
55	Reed City	Reed City	Mar.	9	1889.	Jan.	21	1890.	
56	Flint	Flint	None	Nov.	18	1890.	Jan.	21	1890.
57	Albion	Albion	None	Nov.	18	1890.	Jan.	20	1891.
58	Sagonahkato	Alpena	None	Mar.	16	1892.	Jan.	19	1892.
59	Marine City	Marine City	Sept.	2	1892.	Jan.	17	1893.	
60	Inverness City	Cheboygan	Oct.	11	1895.	Jan.	17	1893.	
61	Traverse City	Traverse City	Nov.	19	1895.	Jan.	21	1895.	
62	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	Nov.	29	1895.	Jan.	21	1895.	
63	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Nov.	12	1895.	Jan.	21	1895.	
64	Williamsport	Williamsport	Dec.	18	1895.	Jan.	21	1896.	
65	Hawatha	Manistique	Mar.	10	1896.	Jan.	19	1897.	
66	Marquette	Marquette	May	4	1896.	Jan.	19	1897.	Revoked Feb. 9, 1901.
67	King	Crystal Falls	Oct.	22	1896.	Jan.	19	1897.	
68	St. Louis	St. Louis	June	24	1897.	Jan.	18	1898.	
69	Sault Ste. Marie	Sit. Ste. Marie	None			Jan.	18	1898.	
70	Grayling	Grayling	None			Jan.	17	1899.	Rev. Jan. 16, 1900.
70	Cadillac	Cadillac	Sept.	12	1899.	Jan.	16	1900.	
71	D. S. Kendall	Houghton	Feb.	24	1906.	May	16	1906.	
72	Marquette	Marquette	Feb.	27	1906.	May	15	1906.	
73	Livingston	Howell	Apr.	12	1906.	May	15	1906.	
74	Fred L. Wells	Port Huron	Feb.	23	1907.	May	21	1907.	

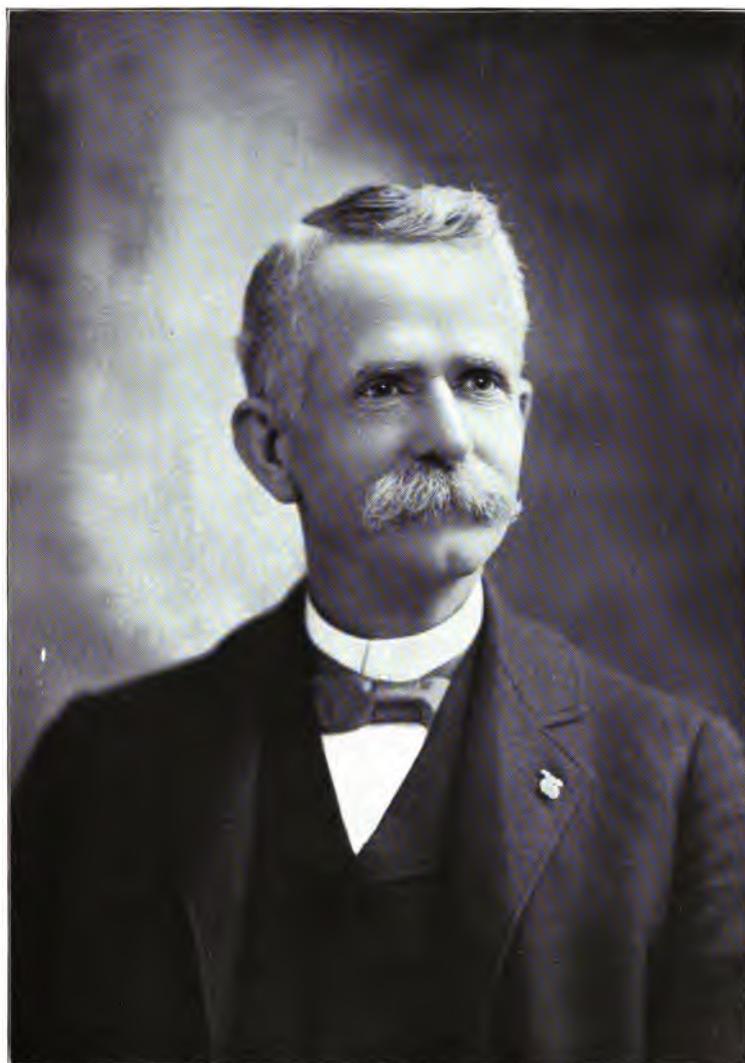
No.	Council	Location	Date of Dispensation	Date of Charter	Revoked or Surrendered	Remarks
76	Darius	Iron Mountain.	July 22, 1907.	May 19, 1908.		
76	Fremont	Fremont	April 17, 1911.	May 17, 1910.		
77	Sandusky	Sandusky	April 22, 1910.	May 27, 1911.		
78	Colon.	Colon.....	April 17, 1911.	June 26, 1912.		
79	Mt. Sinai.	Bronson.....		June 25, 1912.		
80	Bessemer	Bessemer.....				
81	Charlevoix	Charlevoix.....	May 23, 1912.	June 24, 1913.		
82	Benzle	Frankfort.....				
83	Eaton Rapids.	Eaton Rapids..	May 4, 1916.	May 16, 1916.		

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Memorial Tablets

OUR DEAD.

*"No mystic charm, no mortal art,
Can bid our Loved Companions stay;
The bands that clasp them to our heart
Snap in death's frost and fall apart;
Like shadows fading with the day,
They pass away."*



CHARLES MILAN NORTON
M. I. GRAND MASTER, 1898
GRAND TREASURER, 1899 to 1919
Born October 30, 1847 Died September 3, 1919



TRAVERS PHILLIPS
M. I. GRAND MASTER, 1890
Born January 17, 1830. Died January 5, 1920

To the Memory of
the Honored Dead of other Grand
Jurisdictions
for the year ending
May 1, 1920

In Memoriam

ALABAMA.

JOHN GILBERT SMITH, Grand High Priest of Alabama, 1894-1896. Died April 30, 1919.

ARKANSAS.

NATHANIAL PENDLETON RICHMOND, Grand High Priest of Arkansas, 1905. Died June 28, 1919.

CALIFORNIA.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Grand High Priest of California, 1882-1883. Died May 10, 1919.

FLORIDA.

JAMES W. BOYD, Grand High Priest of Florida, 1890. Died May 29, 1919.

INDIANA.

WILLIAM H. HAMELLE, Grand High Priest of Indiana, 1904. Died June 20, 1919.

MAINE.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Grand High Priest of Maine, 1918-1919. Died December 8, 1919.

MARYLAND.

JAMES FRANKLIN ALLEN, Grand High Priest of Maryland, 1905. Died March 12, 1919.

JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary of Maryland, 1901-1919. Died January 24, 1919.

EDWARD R. TRIPPE, Grand High Priest of Maryland, 1894. Died July 28, 1919.

WILLIAM HENRY MARTIN, Grand High Priest of Maryland, 1898. Died February 19, 1919.

MINNESOTA.

ALONZO BRANDENBURG, Grand High Priest of Minnesota, 1890. Died June 22, 1919.

MISSISSIPPI.

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Grand Secretary of Mississippi,
1908-1919. Died October 19, 1919.

EDWIN J. MARTIN, Grand High Priest of Mississippi, 1909.
Died November 24, 1919.

MISSOURI.

MARTIN TONER BALSLEY, Grand High Priest of Missouri,
1914. Died March 9, 1920.

MONTANA.

ALEXANDER D. MACDONALD, Grand High Priest of Mon-
tana, 1903-1904. Died April 5, 1919.

NEVADA.

MATTHEW KYLE, Grand High Priest of Nevada, 1897. Died
June 17, 1919.

NEBRASKA.

JAMES TYLER, Grand High Priest of Nebraska, 1913-1914.
Died November 1, 1919.

NEW JERSEY.

FREDERICK THERON CRANE, Grand High Priest, 1916-1917.
Died May 31, 1919.

NEW YORK.

WILLIS WOOD RICE, Grand High Priest of New York, 1908.
Died October 2, 1919.

SEYMOUR H. STONE, Grand High Priest of New York, 1867-
1868. Died January 1, 1920.

NOVA SCOTIA.

WILLIAM CROWE, Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia, 1891.
Died September 14, 1919.

OKLAHOMA.

JOHN COYLE, Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, 1905. Died
August 24, 1919.

DANIEL MORRIS HAILEY, Grand High Priest of Oklahoma
1908. Died October 14, 1919.

PENNSYLVANIA.

F. HENRY WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania,
1897. Died October 24, 1919.

TENNESSEE.

GEORGE LIMERICK COWAN, Grand High Priest of Tennessee,
1906. Died September 19, 1919.

TEXAS.

JOE ADAMS, Grand High Priest of Texas, 1911. Died Sep-
tember 14, 1919.

WYOMING.

ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Grand High Priest of Wyoming, 1909,
and Grand Secretary, 1909 to 1919. Died November 15, 1919.

To the Memory of the
One Hundred and Fifty-two
Michigan Companions
who died in 1919

In Memoriam

DEATHS REPORTED TO THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1919.

MONROE COUNCIL NO. 1—17.

William A. Bowbeer, Dec. 29.	Walter O. Earle, no date.
William S. Coleman, April 10.	John B. Gunning, no date.
Fred A. Drexel, no date.	F. Baker Hall, no date
Sidney R. Dixon, Sept. 22.	Albert G. Hollands, no date.
Kenneth Finlayson, Feb. 1.	Elmer H. Stone, no date.
Robert L. Kennedy, Nov.	O. Grant Smith, no date.
Samuel Young, Jan. 22.	C. Henry VonEssen, no date.
Oscar Benson, March 1.	Joseph Waltman, no date.
Orrison R. Baldwin, no date	

PONTIAC COUNCIL NO. 3—4.

Charles E. Aldrich, Oct.	William H. Rambeau, Dec.
John Andrews, May 30.	William H. Smith, no date.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL NO. 5—1.

Charles P. McEnally, Aug. 8.

MOUNT CLEMENS COUNCIL NO. 8—1.

Alfred Buechler, Feb. 25.

ZABUD COUNCIL NO. 9—2.

George L. Sloan, P. T. I. M.,	George C. Emmons, no date.
Feb. 3.	

TYRE COUNCIL NO. 10—8.

Ray I. Booth, Feb. 3.	Peter F. Gelock, Nov. 27.
Sherman T. Colson, June 11.	George Innes, Oct. 17.
Herbert S. Christie, Dec. 14.	C. D. Keyes, Oct. 17.
Frank Fisher, May 17.	Richard D. Swartout, Aug. 1.

UNION COUNCIL NO. 11—6.

Samuel D. Magers, Jan. 16.	Charles D. Stevens, Sept. 20.
Alonzo E. Ford, Apr. 18.	William G. Doty, no date.
William S. Carpenter, P. T. I.	Manley J. Furman, 1918.
M., June 17.	

IONIA COUNCIL NO. 12—2.

Frank S. Hoag, Sept. 8. **Chauncey J. Rumsey, Oct. 23.**

STURGIS COUNCIL NO. 13—2.

**William C. Grobhiser, Aug 27. Charles J. Lockwood, P. T. I.
M., Oct. 29.**

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL NO. 15—3.

Will W. Armstrong, Mar. 19. John R. Hile, Jan. 15.

William R. Ditmers, Nov. 2.

PUTNAM COUNCIL NO. 16—1.

Edward D. Clarke, P. T. I. M.,

Jan. 5.

ADRIAN COUNCIL NO. 18—4.

NILES COUNCIL NO. 19—1.

Louis F. Brown, Aug.

SAGINAW COUNCIL NO. 20—4.

Lyan Clinkofstein, July 30. **Frank B. Florentine, Jan. 31.**
Frank Ellsworth, Sept. 3. **Henry H. McCarty, Aug. 19.**

ST. JOHN COUNCIL NO. 21—2.

William Walker, Apr. 23. Justin W. Sage, no date.

PORLAND COUNCIL NO. 23—4.

William H. White, P. T. I. M., Leon E. Hixson, July 5.
Oct. 3. Claude J. Beebe, Dec. 12.
Will C. Peabody, Nov. 5.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 24—5.

William Bacon, Feb. 2. James M. Moore, June 19.
George Carpenter, Nov. 2. William Raven, no date.
Erastus Furgason, no date.

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL NO. 25—2.

James W. Calkins, Apr. 5. Fletcher J. Gage, Sept. 6.

CLINTON COUNCIL NO. 26—1.

David H. Silvers. Dec. 15.

LANSING COUNCIL NO. 29—5.

Harry E. Bradner, Jan. 26. Russell C. Ostrander, Sept. 12.
George L. Perry, Jan. 30. Herbert A. Hall, Dec. 15.
Charles M. Norton, P. M. I. G.
M., Sept. 3.

JACKSON COUNCIL NO. 32—4.

Fred H. Helmer, June 12. Charles H Harrington, Jan. 25.
William P. Hannaford, Sept. 18. Josiah C. Richardson, Dec. 2.

ITHACA COUNCIL NO. 33—2.

George Richardson, P. T. I. M., Herman Alpern, no date.
Oct. 15.

UNION CITY COUNCIL NO. 35—1.

Roy H. Stafford, May 9.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL NO. 36—2.

William J. Byers, Mar. 29. Morell E. Newcomb, Nov. 30.

NEBZARADAN COUNCIL NO. 37—2.

William Thomas, June 27. Sol. Knepp, Dec. 6, 1919.

CORUNNA COUNCIL NO. 38—3.

William T. Goodwill, Nov. 20. Tod Kincaid, May 16.
Austin E. Richards, April.

HOLLY COUNCIL NO. 39—1.

Thos M. Joslin, Aug.

LAWRENCE COUNCIL NO. 43—4.

Leslie DeHaven, Jan. 11. John E. Sebring, Mar. 15.
George A. Clark, June 12. George W. Chapman, Dec. 18.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL NO. 44—6.

John B. Morrison, Jan. 7. Alfred T. Vail, Sept. 7.
Ames R. Andrews, Feb. 15. William H Evans, Nov. 12.
William H. Seitz, Apr. 2. John A. Cavanaugh, Nov. 15.

SOUTH HAVEN COUNCIL NO. 45—4.

Fred C. Mackey, no date. William Spooner, no date.
Arthur C. Runyon, no date. Charles W. Williams, Mar. 27.

MANISTEE COUNCIL NO. 46—1.

Timothy Keely, P. T. I. M.,
Apr. 23.

GIBLUM COUNCIL NO. 49—2.

Lee H. Preyor, Sept. 16. William Merrick, Nov. 10.

LESLIE COUNCIL NO. 50—2.

Allen C. Manley, P. T. I. M., Rodney Wright, Aug. 3.
Jan. 21.

PETOSKEY COUNCIL NO. 52—1.

Amassa J. Bachelder, Aug. 22.

BAY CITY COUNCIL NO. 52—2.

Robert McCurk, June 18. E. Frank Richards, Oct. 25.

MUSKEGON COUNCIL NO. 54—1.

Lyman Kernal, June 10.

FLINT COUNCIL NO. 56—6.

George L. McQuigg, Jan. 20. Michael E. Bayer, May 28.
Jacob Veit, May 26. Frank C. Smith, Dec. 12.
Arlington H. Rumbold, Aug. 30. J. Albert Jones, Jan. 30.

ALBION COUNCIL NO. 57—2.

Donald D. Jagger, Aug. 1. Edward E. Bromeling, Jan. 28.

SAHGONAHKATO COUNCIL NO. 58—2.

Henry Clothier, Mar. 19. Robert Lough, Dec. 31, 1918.

MARINE CITY COUNCIL NO. 59—2.

William H. Scott, June 25. David M. Foster, July 18.

TRAVERSE CITY COUNCIL NO. 61—1.

Charles E. Quick, Feb. 17.

KALAMAZOO COUNCIL NO. 63—9.

George S. Harrington, Apr. 15. John D. Thackery, Sept. 16.
Andrew Jansen, Apr. 24, 1919. Charles V. Carpenter, Oct. 8.
Arno Ihling, June 17. William F. Rahlmeyer, Nov. 18.
Michael Ryan, July 24. Albert Herring, Sept. 12.
Hal. L. Bellinger, Aug. 17.

WILLIAMSTON COUNCIL NO. 64—1.

Stephen D. Dennis, Jan. 12.

HIAWATHA COUNCIL NO. 65—1.

Fred S. Harris, Sept. 17.

ST. LOUIS COUNCIL NO. 68—1.

C. D. Pullen, no date.

SAULT STE. MARIE COUNCIL NO. 69—2.

William A. Howe, Oct. 30. Bernard M. Morris, Jan. 25.

CADILLAC COUNCIL NO. 70—2.

Harry H. Kingsley, Feb. 25. George Allen, Feb. 6.

MARQUETTE COUNCIL NO. 72—1.

John A. Brown, Feb. 8.

FRED L. WELLS COUNCIL NO. 74—2.

William H. Fyan, Jan. 26. Otto Hill, Sept. 26.

DARIUS COUNCIL NO. 75—1.

George Irving, Dec. 25.

FREMONT COUNCIL NO. 76—2.

Frank H. Smith, Mar. 20. Edward E. Edwards, Sept. 8.

SANDUSKY COUNCIL NO. 77—1.

Hugh Woolman, Apr. 6.

COLON COUNCIL NO. 78—1.

Sydney E. Yeatter, Dec. 30.

CHARLEVOIX COUNCIL NO. 81—1.

Tabeth R. Meade, Feb. 24.

BENZIE COUNCIL NO. 82—1.

Harry Rerchel, Jan. 21.

LOCATION OF COUNCILS

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED BY TOWNS.

Location	County	Name and Number
Adrian	Lenawee	Adrian, 19.....
Albion	Calhoun	Albion, 57.....
Alpena	Alpena	Sah-gon-ah-ka-to, 58.....
Battle Creek	Calhoun	Zabud, 9.....
Bay City	Bay	Bay City, 53.....
Bessemer	Gogebic	Bessemer, 80.....
Big Rapids	Mecosta	King Solomon, 25.....
Bronson	Branch	Mt. Sinai, 79.....
Cadillac	Wexford	Cadillac, 70.....
Charlevoix	Charlevoix	Charlevoix, 81.....
Charlotte	Eaton	Charlotte, 36.....
Cheboygan	Cheboygan	Inverness, 60.....
Clinton	Lenawee	Clinton, 26.....
Coldwater	Branch	Mt. Moriah, 6.....
Colon	St. Joseph	Colon, 78.....
Corunna	Shiawasse	Corunna, 38.....
Crystal Falls	Iron	King Cyrus, 67.....
Detroit	Wayne	Monroe, 1.....
Dundee	Monroe	River Raisin, 4.....
Eaton Rapids	Eaton	Eaton Rapids, 83.....
Flint	Genesee	Flint, 56.....
Frankfort	Benzie	Benzie, 82.....
Fremont	Newaygo	Fremont, 76.....
Grand Ledge	Eaton	Grand Ledge, 62.....
Grand Rapids	Kent	Tyre, 10.....
Hastings	Barry	Giblum, 49.....
Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Mt. Ararat, 15.....
Houghton	Houghton	David S. Kendall, 71.....
Holly	Oakland	Holly, 39.....
Howell	Livingston	Livingston, 73.....
Hudson	Lenawee	Putnam, 16.....

Location	County	Name and Number
Ionia	Ionia	Ionia, 12.....
Iron Mountain	Dickinson	Darius, 75.....
Ithaca	Gratiot	Ithaca, 33.....
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson, 32.....
Jonesville	Hillsdale	Jonesville, 5.....
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, 63.....
Lansing	Ingham	Lansing, 29.....
Lawrence	Van Buren	Lawrence, 43.....
Leslie	Ingham	Leslie, 50.....
Ludington	Mason	Ludington, 48.....
Manchester	Washtenaw	Adoniram, 24.....
Manistee	Manistee	Manistee, 46.....
Manistique	Schoolcraft	Hiawatha, 65.....
Marine City	St. Clair	Marine City, 59.....
Marquette	Marquette	Marquette, 72.....
Mt. Clemens	Macomb	Mt. Clemens, 8.....
Muskegon	Muskegon	Muskegon, 54.....
Niles	Berrien	Niles, 19.....
Pentwater	Oceana	Oceana, 27.....
Petoskey	Emmet	Petoskey, 52.....
Pontiac	Oakland	Pontiac, 3.....
Portland	Ionia	Portland, 23.....
Port Huron	St. Clair	Fred L. Wells, 74.....
Reed City	Osceola	Reed City, 55.....
Saginaw	Saginaw	Saginaw, 20.....
St. Johns	Clinton	St. Johns, 21.....
St. Joseph	Berrien	St. Joseph, 44.....
St. Louis	Gratiot	St. Louis, 68.....
Sandusky	Sanilac	Sandusky, 77.....
Sault Ste. Marie.....	Chippewa	Sault Ste. Marie, 69.....
South Haven	Van Buren	South Haven, 45.....
Sturgis	St. Joseph	Sturgis, 13.....
Tecumseh	Lenawee	Blanchard, 34.....
Three Rivers	St. Joseph	Nebuzaradan, 37.....
Traverse City	Grand Traverse	Traverse City, 61.....
Union City	Branch	Union City, 35.....
Williamston	Ingham	Williamston, 64.....
Ypsilanti	Washtenaw	Union, 11.....

COUNCILS BY COUNTIES.

No.	Name	Location	No.	Name	Location
		ALPENA.			EMMET.
58	Sa-gon-ah-ka-to	Alpena	62	Petoskey	Petoskey
		BARRY.			GENESEE.
49	Giblum	Hastings	26	Flint	Flint
		BAY.			GOGEBIC.
53	Bay City.....	Bay City	80	Bessemer	Bessemer
		BENZIE.			GRAND TRAVERSE.
82	Benzie	Frankfort	61	Traverse City....	Trav. City
		BERRIEN.			GRATIOT.
19	Niles	Niles	33	Ithaca	Ithaca
44	St. Joseph.....	St. Joseph	68	St. Louis.....	St. Louis
		BRANCH.			HILLSDALE.
6	Mt. Moriah.....	Coldwater	5	Jonesville	Jonesville
35	Union City.....	Union City	15	Mt. Ararat.....	Hillsdale
79	Mt. Sinai.....	Bronson			HOUGHTON.
		CALHOUN.	71	D. S. Kendall.....	Houghton
9	Zabud	Battle Creek			INGHAM.
57	Albion	Albion	29	Lansing	Lansing
		CHARLEVOIX.	50	Leslie	Leslie
81	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	64	Williamston ...	Williamston
		CHEBOYGAN.			IONIA.
60	Inverness	Chebogan	12	Ionia	Ionia
		CHIPPEWA.	23	Portland	Portland
69	S. Ste. Marie S. Ste. Marie				IRON.
		CLINTON.	67	King Cyrus...	Crystal Falls
21	St. Johns.....	St. Johns			JACKSON.
		DICKINSON.	32	Jackson	Jackson
75	Darius.....	Iron Mountain			KALAMAZOO.
		EATON.	63	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
36	Charlotte	Charlotte			KENT.
62	Grand Ledge..	Grand Ledge	10	Tyre.....	Grand Rapids
83	Eaton Rapids..	Eaton Rapids			

No.	Name	Location	No.	Name	Location
LENAWEE.					
16	Putnam	Hudson	27	Oceana	Pentwater
18	Adrian	Adrian			SAGINAW.
26	Clinton	Clinton	20	Saginaw	Saginaw
34	Blanchard	Tecumseh			ST. CLAIR.
LIVINGSTON.					
73	Livingston	Howell	59	Marine City	Marine City
			74	Fred L. Wells	Port Huron
MACOMB.					
8	Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens			ST. JOSEPH.
			13	Sturgis	Sturgis
MANISTEE.					
46	Manistee	Manistee	37	Nebuzaradan	Three Rivers
			78	Colon	Colon
MARQUETTE.					
72	Marquette	Marquette	77	Sandusky	Sandusky
					SCHOOLCRAFT.
MASON.					
48	Ludington	Ludington	65	Hiawatha	Manistique
					SHIAWASSEE.
MECOSTA.					
25	King Solomon	Big Rapids	38	Corunna	Corunna
					VAN BUREN.
MONROE.					
4	River Raisin	Dundee	43	Lawrence	Lawrence
			45	South Haven	South Haven
MUSKEGON.					
54	Muskegon	Muskegon			WASHTENAW.
			11	Union	Ypsilanti
NEWAYGO.			24	Adoniram	Manchester
76	Fremont	Fremont			WAYNE.
			1	Monroe	Detroit
OAKLAND.					
3	Pontiac	Pontiac			WEXFORD.
39	Holly	Holly	70	Cadillac	Cadillac
OSCEOLA.					
55	Reed City	Reed City			

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Year, Name, Residence When Elected and Remarks.

- 1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
1859 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
1860 FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
1861 FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair. Died February 19, 1876.
1862 DAVID BURNHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906.
1863 EDWARD A. ELLIOTT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880.
1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9, 1897.
1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900.
1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8, 1883.
1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale. Died May 19, 1913.
1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24, 1898.
1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895.
1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns.
1871 EBENEZER SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2, 1892.
1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908.
1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20, 1883.
1876 GEORGE HILL, Jr., Portland.
1877 JOHN R. EVERARD, Jackson. Died November 22, 1891.
1878 ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, St. Louis. Died November 10, 1905.
1879 HUGH McCURDY, Corunna. Died July 16, 1908.
1880 DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton.
1881 RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHeway, Ionia. Died December 9, 1896.
1882 WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON, Ludington.
1883 GEORGE HENRY GREENE, Lansing. Died June 24, 1899.
1884 JAMES HOUGLAND CUMMINS, Holly. Died October 29, 1908.
1885 GEORGE HAMILTON STEPHENSON, St. Johns. Died October 27, 1901.
1886 ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph.
1887 ALFRED GORDON GULLEY, South Haven. Died August 15, 1917.
1888 ALLEN MCKEE, Manistee.
1889 THOMAS GREY GREENE, Centerville. Died December 18, 1911.
1890 TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings. Died January 5, 1920.
1891 CHARLES RUSH BAGG, Detroit. Died August 17, 1899.
1892 HORACE EDGAR HATCH, Detroit. (Suspended.)
1893 FRANK NORMAN CLARK, Northville. Died December 19, 1910.
1894 EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL, Holly.
1895 GEORGE ALBERT CROSS, Lawrence.
1896 GEORGE PORTER McMAHON, Grand Rapids. Died June 11, 1914.

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- 1897 LOYD B. HESS, Grand Rapids. Died June 10, 1901.
 1898 CHARLES MILAN NORTON, Lansing. Died September 3, 1919.
 1899 GEORGE DUDLEY SMITH, Muskegon. Died September 21, 1916.
 1900 RICHARD ALDEN CATTON, Detroit. Died January 9, 1903.
 1901 ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, Hudson.
 1902 BYRON CULVER HILL, Jackson. Died April 15, 1905.
 1903 JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY, Manchester.
 1904 DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont.
 1905 BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH, St. Louis.
 1906 ARTHUR HAMILTON McCLOUD, Detroit. Died October 10, 1917.
 1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Bay City.
 1908 CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, Jackson.
 HON. WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee. Died February 25, 1915.
 1909 EMORY TOWNSEND, Saginaw.
 1910 WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, Hillsdale.
 1911 JOHN NICHOL, Ionia.
 1912 FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, Detroit.
 1913 LOU BARNEY WINSOR, Reed City.
 1914 JOHN HOMER McCALLUM, Sault Ste. Marie. Died October 25,
 1918.
 1915 HORACE SHELDON MAYNARD, Charlotte. Died September 22,
 1917.
 1916 CLARENCE ALBERT HOWARD, Three Rivers.
 1917 FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac.
 1918 CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, Grand Rapids.
 1919 FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls.
 1920 H. BURR LEE, Petoskey.

 GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN
 (Under Old Constitution.)

Year	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.
1858	*Simeon B. Brown..	*Frank Darrow.....	*R. W. Davis
1859	*Simeon B. Brown..	*Frank Darrow.....	*John Clark
1860	*John Clark.....	*D. Burnham Tracy....	*Benj. F. Doughty
1861	*D. Burnham Tracy	*Benj. F. Doughty.....	*Ebenezer Sprague
1862	*Edward A. Elliott.	*Garra B. Noble.....	*David Bovee
1863	*Garra B. Noble....	*David Bovee.....	*Seaman L. Dart
1864	*David Bovee.....	*Seaman L. Dart.....	*Edw. D. Benedict
1865	*Seaman L. Dart....	*Edw. D. Benedict.....	*Wm. S. Edwards
1866	*Edw. D. Benedict..	*William S. Edwards....	*Wm. Walker
1867	*William Walker....	*Joseph T. Hayden.....	*William F. King
1868	*Oliver L. Spaulding	*J. W. Champlin.....	*Mark Walter
1869	*Oliver L. Spaulding	*Ebenezer Sprague.....	*H. Shaw Noble
1870	*Ebenezer Sprague	*H. Shaw Noble.....	*William Brown
1871	*H. Shaw Noble....	*William Brown.....	*Alfred I. Sawyer
1872	*William Brown....	*Mort Mansfield.....	*Edward M. Doan
1873	*Mort. Mansfield....	*Edward M. Doan.....	George Hill, Jr.

 *Deceased.

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Year	Deputy G. Master	G. P. C. of Work	Grand Treasurer
1874	*Mort. Mansfield....	George Hill, Jr.....	*Edward A. Elliott
1875	George Hill, Jr....	*J. R. Everard.....	" "
1876	*John R. Everard..	*Andrew J. Utley.....	" "
1877	*Andrew J. Utley...	*C. B. Reynolds.....	" "
1878	*Chas. W. Strait....	David Woodward.....	" "
1879	David Woodward..	*R. C. Hatheway.....	" "
1880	*Rufus C. Hatheway	William G. Hudson....	" "
1881	William G. Hudson	*George H. Greene.....	*H. Shaw Noble
1882	*George H. Greene.	*James H. Cummins.....	" "
1883	*James H. Cummins	*G. H. Stephenson.....	" "
1884	*G. H. Stephenson..	Alfred Baldrey.....	" "
1885	Alfred Baldrey ..	*Alfred G. Gulley.....	" "
1886	*Alfred G. Gulley...	Allen McKee.....	" "
1887	Allen McKee.....	*Thomas G. Greene.....	" "
1888	*Thomas G. Greene..	*Sanford Hunt.....	" "
1889	*Sanford Hunt....	Travers Phillips.....	" "
1890	*Marcus D. Elliott..	*Chas. R. Bagg.....	" "
1891	†Horace E. Hatch...	*Frank N. Clark.....	" "
1892	*Frank N. Clark....	Emerson M. Newell....	" "
1893	E. M. Newell.....	George A. Cross.....	" "
1894	George A. Cross...	*George P. McMahon...	" "
1895	*George P. McMahon	*Loyd B. Hess.....	" "
1896	*Loyd B. Hess....	*Charles M. Norton.....	*Geo. H. Greene
1897	*Charles M. Norton.	*Geo. D. Smith.....	" "
1898	*Geo. D. Smith....	*Richard A. Catton.....	" "
1899	*Richard A. Catton.	§Ithamar T. Smith.....	" "
1900	§Ithamar T. Smith..	*Byron C. Hill.....	" "
1901	*Byron C. Hill....	John H. Kingsley.....	*Chas. M. Norton
1902	John H. Kingsley..	Dallas D. Alton.....	" "
1903	Dallas D. Alton...	Bayard A. Church.....	" "
1904	Bayard A. Church.	*Arthur H. McCloud.....	" "
1905	*Arthur H. McCloud.	Frank O. Gilbert.....	" "
1906	Frank O. Gilbert..	Charles H. Patterson...	" "
1907	Chas. H. Patterson	Emory Townsend.....	" "
1908	Emory Townsend..	William P. Perry.....	" "
1909	Wm. P. Perry.....	John Nichol.....	" "
1910	John Nichol.....	Frank P. Wilcox.....	" "
1911	Frank P. Wilcox..	Geo. C. Monroe.....	" "
1912	Lou B. Winsor...	*John H. McCallum....	" "
1913	*John H. McCallum.	*Horace S. Maynard....	" "
1914	*Horace S. Maynard.	Clarence A. Howard...	" "
1915	Clarence A. Howard	Frank V. Hale.....	" "
1916	Frank V. Hale....	Charles E. Converse....	" "
1917	Charles E. Converse	Frank Scadden.....	" "
1918	Frank Scadden....	H. Burr Lee.....	" "
1919	H. Burr Lee.....	Andrew L. Arthur.....	Dallas D. Alton
1920	Andrew L. Arthur..	Howard E. Slocum.....	" "

*Deceased.

§Removed from Jurisdiction

†Suspended.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

(Under Old Constitution.)

Year	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder	Grand Chaplain
1858	*Ezra Rood.....	*Nath'l P. Jacobs.....	*George B. Engle
1859	"	"	" "
1860	"	"	*Levi H. Corson
1861	"	"	*Francis A. Blades
1862	"	*Oliver Bourke.....	Sylvester Caulkins
1863	"	"	D. B. Lyon
1864	"	"	Sylvester Caulkins
1865	"	"	*Levi H. Corson
1866	*Joseph T. Hayden..	"	*Benj. F. Doughty
1867	*William Barclay..	"	*Garret E. Peters
1868	"	"	" "
1869	"	"	" "
1870	"	"	*Jermy Boynton
1871	"	*Garra B. Noble.....	\$Andrew J. Davis
1872	*Edward A. Elliott	"	" "
1873	"	"	" "

(Under New Constitution.)

Year	Grand Recorder.	Grand Chaplain	G. Capt. of Guard
1874	*Garra B. Noble....	\$Andrew J. Davis.....	*Andrew J. Utley
1875	"	*Benj. F. Doughty.....	" "
1876	"	"	*C. B. Reynolds
1877	"	"	*C. W. Strait
1878	"	"	*Wm. S. Turck
1879	"	"	Wm. G. Hudson
1880	"	*Francis A. Blades.....	*Geo. H. Greene
1881	"	"	*Jas. H. Cummins
1882	"	"	*Geo. H. Stephenson
1883	"	"	Alfred Baldrey
1884	"	"	*Alfred G. Gulley
1885	"	"	Allen McKee
1886	"	"	*Thomas G. Greene
1887	"	"	*Sanford Hunt
1888	"	"	*Travers Phillips
1889	"	"	*Marcus D. Elliott
1890	"	"	†Horace E. Hatch
1891	"	"	Emerson M. Newell
1892	"	"	George A. Cross
1893	"	"	*Geo. P. McMahon
1894	"	"	*Loyd B. Hess
1895	"	"	*Chas. M. Norton
1896	"	"	*Geo. D. Smith

*Deceased. §Removed from Jurisdiction. †Suspended.

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Year	Grand Recorder	Grand Chaplain	G. Capt. of Guard
1897	*Jeff'n S. Conover..	" "	*Richard A. Catton
1898	" "	" "	Ithamar T. Smith
1899	" "	" "	*Byron C. Hill
1900	" "	" "	John H. Kingsley
1901	" "	" "	Dallas D. Alton
1902	" "	" "	*Paul A. Cowgill
1903	" "	" "	Lou B. Winsor
1904	Chas A. Conover..	*Francis A. Blades.....	Frank O. Gilbert
1905	" "	" "	Chas. H. Patterson
1906	" "	J. Ambrose Dunkel.....	Emory Townsend
1907	" "	" "	William P. Perry
1908	" "	William H. Thomas.....	John Nichol
1909	" "	" "	Frank P. Wilcox
1910	" "	" "	George C. Monroe
1911	" "	" "	*John H. McCallum
1912	" "	John Clafin.....	*Horace S. Maynard
1913	" "	" "	Clar. A. Howard
1914	" "	" "	Frank V. Hale
1915	" "	" "	Chas. E. Converse
1916	" "	" "	H. Burr Lee
1917	" "	" "	Frank Scadden
1918	" "	" "	Andrew L. Arthur
1919	" "	" "	Howard E. Slocum
1920	" "	" "	Willis V. Capron

(Under Old Constitution.)

Year	G. Cap. of Guard	Grand Steward	Grand Sentinel
1858	*Theron A. Flower..	*A. Bernard Cudworth..	*Chas. D. Howard
1859	A. J. Cummings...	" "	" "
1860	*Stephen B. Morse...	*William P. Innes.....	" "
1861	*Seaman L. Dart...	*A. B. Ayers.....	" "
1862	*Chas. H. Putnam..	*A. M. McCrea.....	" "
1863	*J. P. Whiting.....	H. A. Tillotson.....	" "
1864	" "	*A. E. Palmer.....	" "
1865	" "	D. H. Baker.....	*Wm. V. Griffith
1866	*William F. King..	M. Ayers.....	" "
1867	*Jno. W. Champlin.	*S. C. Munson.....	" "
1868	*H. Shaw Noble....	Theo. Beaver.....	" "
1869	*J. E. Marvin.....	Charles Low.....	" "
1870	J. B. Nixon.....	*Alfred I. Sawer.....	" "
1871	*Edward M. Doan..	*C. B. Reynolds.....	" "
1872	George Hill, Jr...	*Andrew J. Utley.....	" "
1873	*Andrew J. Utley...	*C. B. Reynolds.....	" "

*Deceased. §Removed from Jurisdiction. †Suspended.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

(Under New Constitution.)

Year	Gd. Con. of Council	Grand Steward	Grand Sentinel
1874	*John R. Everard...	*C. B. Reynolds.....	*Wm. V. Griffith
1875	*C. B. Reynolds....	J. M. Rice.....	" "
1876	J. M. Rice.....	*William S. Turck.....	" "
1877	*William S. Turck.....	*R. C. Hatheway.....	" "
1878	*Rufus C. Hatheway	*George H. Greene.....	" "
1879	*George H. Greene.	*Henry L. Anthony.....	" "
1880	*James. H. Cummins	*Geo. H. Stephenson.....	" "
1881	*Geo. H. Stephenson	Alfred Baldrey.....	" "
1882	Alfred Baldrey....	*Alfred G. Gulley.....	" "
1883	*Alfred G. Gulley...	Edwin M. Adams.....	*Alex. McGregor
1884	Allen McKee.....	*Thomas G. Greene	" "
1885	*Thos. G. Greene....	*Sanford Hunt.....	" "
1886	*Sanford Hunt.....	*Travers Phillips.....	" "
1887	*Travers Phillips...	*Marcus D. Elliott.....	" "
1888	*Marcus D. Elliott..	*Charles R. Bagg.....	" "
1889	*Chas. R. Bagg....	†Horace E. Hatch.....	" "
1890	*Frank N. Clark....	*Parm. S. DeGraff.....	" "
1891	George A. Cross....	*George P. McMahon....	" "
1893	*Loyd B. Hess.....	*Loyd B. Hess.....	" "
1892	*Geo. P. McMahon..	*Almon G. Bruce.....	" "
1894	*Chas. M. Norton...	*George D. Smith.....	" "
1895	*George D. Smith...	*Richard A. Catton.....	" "
1896	*Richard A. Catton	Ithamar T. Smith.....	" "
1897	§Ithamar T. Smith..	*Byron C. Hill.....	James F. McGregor
1898	*Byron C. Hill.....	John H. Kingsley.....	" "
1899	John H. Kingsley..	Dallas D. Alton.....	" "
1900	Dallas D. Alton....	§Paul A. Cowgill	" "
1901	§Paul A. Cowgill...	Bayard A. Church.....	" "
1902	Bayard A. Church.	Lou B. Winsor.....	" "
1903	*Arthur H. McCloud.	Frank O. Gilbert.....	" "
1904	Chas. H. Patterson	Emory Townsend.....	" "
1905	Emory Townsend..	*Horace S. Maynard....	" "
1906	William P. Perry....	John Nichol.....	" "
1907	John Nichol.....	Frank P. Wilcox.....	" "
1908	Frank P. Wilcox..	George C. Monroe.....	" "
1909	George C. Monroe.	*John H. McCallum.....	" "
1910	*John H. McCallum	*Horace S. Maynard....	" "
1911	*Horace S. Maynard.	Clarence A. Howard....	" "
1912	Clarence A. Howard	Frank V. Hale.....	" "
1913	Frank V. Hale...	Chas. E. Converse.....	" "
1914	Chas. E. Converse.	Frank Scadden.....	" "
1915	Frank Scadden....	H. Burr Lee.....	" "
1916	H. Burr Lee.....	Andrew L. Arthur.....	" "
1917	Andrew L. Arthur.	Howard E. Slocum.....	" "
1918	Howard E. Slocum	Willis V. Capron.....	" "
1919	Willis V. Capron..	Charles W. Mixer.....	" "
1920	Charles W. Mixer..	Willard B. Oakes.....	" "

*Deceased. §Removed from Jurisdiction.

†Suspended.

GRAND LECTURER.

AUGUSTUS B. BISBEE, 1895-1898. HORACE S. MAYNARD, 1906.
 LEWIS C. GOODRICH, 1899-1906. ARTHUR H. MCLOUD, 1907—1917
 FRANK V. HALE, 1918—

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Present Mail Address and Year Elected.

OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING (1870).....	Washington, D. C.
2224 N St.	
GEORGE HILL (1876).....	Alma, Mich.
Masonic Home	
DAVID WOODWARD (1880).....	Clinton, Mich.
WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON (1882).....	Ludington, Mich.
ALFRED BALDREY (1886).....	Detroit, Mich.
Care Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., Second and Amsterdam Aves.	
ALLEN McKEE (1888).....	Manistee, Mich.
EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL (1894).....	Fenton, Mich.
GEORGE ADELBERT CROSS (1895).....	Lawrence, Mich.
ITHMAR TITUS SMITH (1901).....	Portland, Oregon
268 E. 17th N.	
JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY (1903).....	Manchester, Mich.
DALLAS DOW ALTON (1904).....	Fremont, Mich.
BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH (1905).....	Detroit, Mich.
305 Merrick Ave.	
FRANK OSCAR GILBERT (1907).....	Bay City, Mich.
2126 Sixth St.	
CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON (1908).....	Jackson, Mich.
428 E. Main St.	
EMORY TOWNSEND (1909).....	Saginaw, Mich.
317 Genesee St.	
WILLIAM PRICE PERRY (1910).....	Hillsdale, Mich.
JOHN NICHOL (1911).....	Ionia, Mich.
FRANK POMEROY WILCOX (1912).....	Detroit, Mich.
55 Pingree Ave.	
LOU BARNEY WINSOR (1913).....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
CLARENCE ADELBERT HOWARD (1916).....	Three Rivers, Mich.
FRANK VINTON HALE (1917).....	Pontiac, Mich.
Crawford Building.	
CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE (1918).....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
501-504 Murray Building.	
FRANK SCADDEN (1919).....	Crystal Falls, Mich.

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Grand Council.	Representatives	Address.
Alabama	EDWARD W. PRESHO.....	Houghton
Arkansas	JOSEPH H. SMITH.....	Tecumseh
California	BAYARD A. CHURCH.....	Detroit
Colorado	EMORY TOWNSEND.....	Saginaw
Connecticut	ITHAMAR T. SMITH.....	Toledo, O.
Dist. of Columbia....	ARTHUR H. OWEN.....	Manistique
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Iowa	JOHN H. KINGSLEY.....	Manchester
Kansas	WALTER H. FRENCH.....	Lansing
Kentucky	CLARENCE A. HOWARD.....	Three Rivers
Louisiana	CHAS. E. CONVERSE.....	Grand Rapids
Maine	FRANK P. WILCOX.....	Detroit
Maritime Provinces	H. BURR LEE.....	Petoskey
Maryland	ALLEN McKEE.....	Manistee
Massachusetts	LOU B. WINSOR.....	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	ELIAS C. PHILLIPS.....	St. Louis
Mississippi.....	W. SCOTT MUNN.....	Eaton Rapids
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....	Ludington
Montana	JOHN CLAFLIN.....	Eaton Rapids
Nebraska	JOHN NICHOL.....	Ironia
New Hampshire	FREDERICK A. BURT.....	East Lansing
New Jersey.....	WALTER H. BOOTH.....	Grand Rapids
New York	EMERSON M. NEWELL.....	Fenton
North Carolina.....	WILLARD B. OAKES.....	Lansing
North Dakota.....	CHAS. H. PATTERSON.....	Jackson
Ohio	GEORGE A. CROSS.....	Lawrence
Oklahoma	WILLIAM P. PERRY.....	Hillsdale
Oregon	MICHAEL B. McGEE.....	Crystal Falls
Pennsylvania	DALLAS D. ALTON.....	Fremont
Rhode Island.....	DAVID WOODWARD.....	Clinton
South Carolina.....	DORR DARLING.....	Jonesville
South Dakota.....	ALFRED BALDREY.....	Detroit
Tennessee	FRANK O. GILBERT.....	Bay City
Texas	ANDREW L. ARTHUR.....	Pontiac
Vermont	FRANK SCADDEN.....	Crystal Falls
Washington	CLARE E. WISE.....	Coldwater
Wisconsin	CHAS. G. GRAHAM.....	Ithaca

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California	EDGAR W. BUTTERS.....	Stockton
Colorado	GEORGE W. ROE.....	Pueblo
Connecticut	WILLIAM O. SHELLY.....	Hartford
Dist. of Columbia	R. STONE JACKSON.....	Washington
England	FREDERICK C. VAN DUZER.....	London, W. C. 1
Florida	HENRY K. DuBOIS.....	Port Orange
Georgia	C. S. MADDOX.....	Jackson
Illinois	JAMES K. LAMBERT.....	Chicago
Indiana	JOHN W. POTTINGER.....	Laporte
Iowa	WM. D. IRVINE.....	Sioux City
Kansas	THOMAS G. FITCH.....	Wichita
Kentucky	SAMUEL LEIDIGH.....	Louisville
Louisiana	W. H. WAMSLEY.....	Coushatta
Maine	CHAS. R. GETCHELL.....	Hallowell
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Mississippi	JOSEPH J. BROOKS.....	Dublin
Missouri	SANFORD M. DANIELS.....	Kansas City
Montana	FRANK W. HASKINS.....	Butte
Nebraska	JOHN F. KUTZ.....	Lexington
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North Dakota	ALEXANDER H. BURR.....	Rugby
Ohio	OTTO B. CORNELL.....	Westerville
Oklahoma	CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER.....	McAlester
Oregon	MILTON L. MYERS.....	Salem
Pennsylvania	JOHN S. SELL.....	Greensburg
Rhode Island	WENDELL R. DAVIS.....	Bristol
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South Dakota	WM. B. CANNON.....	Watertown
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ANNUAL REVIEW

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ANNUAL REVIEW
OF
CRYPTIC MASONRY
AS IT APPEARS
IN THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS

PREPARED BY
CHARLES A. CONOVER
GRAND RECORDER.

INTRODUCTION.

To My Cryptic Readers:

For the seventeenth time this writer takes up the job of reviewing the printed proceedings of kindred Grand Councils in an endeavor to find some matters of interest to the reader and in a sincere desire to so present it that it may be in entertaining form. After seventeen times it does get to be something of a "serial" with no end in sight, for no sooner is one review closed up and posted off to the printer than the books begin accumulating for the next review. But then that is just a replica of life's struggle after all. It is made up of a constant repetition of little duties, day after day and year after year.

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ALABAMA, 1919

Eighty-second Annual. MONTGOMERY. December 2.
ROBERT EDWARD HOWARD, Grand Master.

Fifteen councils were represented. The Grand Master reports that in many respects it had been the best year in the history of the Grand Council. He opens his address with these words:

When our forefathers—most of whom were encouragers and promoters of our art—landed upon American soil, gave birth to a new nation, and wrapped it in the swaddling clothes of religious liberty—the free press, free speech, free conscience, and free school system—they simply offered to future generations as a priceless heritage, the fundamentals of Freemasonry—and must have been guided in so doing by the All-Seeing Eye and unerring hand of the Great Creator who doeth all things well and pronounces them good.

With a constitutional limitation in favor of the worshiper—the right to worship God according to the dictates of the individual conscience—a new ship of state launched out on the sea of time, and gave humanity the true ideals of a constitutional democracy destined to reflect the searchlight of Eternal Truth upon a force-ruled world, and to teach mankind the science of government based upon the principles of right rather than might.

He then goes on to illustrate how Canada and the United States have lived side by side for over a hundred years without a fort or battleship between them and then illustrates another kind of “pure democracy” which lies to our south in Mexico, but which is bound and tied with the chains of ecclesiastical fanaticism and religious slavery. He then goes on to say:

These wise forefathers did not stop at writing our religious freedom in the basic law of the land, but in designing a flag to float from our ship of state before the world, they selected the three great colors of our symbolic art as represented by the three principal tribes of the children of Israel, to-wit: Judah, Ephraim and Dan. The tribe of Dan was represented by blue, denoting friendship and constancy, symbolizing the swiftness of the eagle, which also adorns our dollar; the tribe of Ephraim is represented by red or scarlet, denoting fervency and zeal, and symbolizing the intelligence of man; the tribe of Judah

is represented by white, denoting purity, and symbolizing the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body—the lion of the tribe of Judah.

He finishes the subject by quoting the poem by J. J. Daly on the "Red, White and Blue."

He recommends an appropriation of \$100.00 for incidental expenses of the Grand Master and \$200.00 for expenses of Birmingham Council in exemplifying the Super Excellent degree before Grand Council.

Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Committee on Correspondence, made the report favoring the recognition of the new Grand Council of the District of Columbia and an exchange of Grand Representatives. Further than that the Correspondence Committee seemed to have no other duties, as there is no correspondence report.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT, Talladega, Grand Master.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1919

Fifty-seventh Annual.

LITTLE ROCK.

November 21.

DAVID I. MILLS, Grand Master.

Grand Recorder Fay Hempstead, General Deputy Grand Master, was presented and introduced in his official capacity by Past Grand Master Thornburg.

The Grand Master's address is a splendid paper and he is not afraid to call attention of his companions to any dereliction of duty. He says:

This Grand Council should assume the dignified, aggressive and self-reliant position to which her importance entitles her, for no material progress or substantial improvements in conditions will be our portion until we insist upon Subordinate Councils depending upon themselves and complying with our laws. Each year we are called upon to revive and reorganize dormant Councils, and instead of arresting their Charters and stopping the further advance of "infection,"

our time is largely consumed in trying to resuscitate by "artificial respiration," and when the effect of this operation passes away they lapse into a "coma" or die outright.

This policy has been pursued by the Grand Council, and, as a result, little is being accomplished in subordinate bodies. Let us enforce our laws, and if it is necessary to do so, let us "weed out" until we get a line of active councils composed of "red-blooded" men who love the cause of Freemasonry and are anxious to do something. I would rather have five or six live, active councils, composed of men whose desire it is to make this organization an independent, self-reliant power for good in the system of York Rite Masonry, than have the number we now carry on our rolls, a large number of whom accomplish no good, and several practically dead.

He also scores them for only having nine of the twenty-seven councils represented at the previous meeting, leaving two-thirds of them without sufficient interest to send a representative. Several of them had not sent dues for the previous year and four for terms ranging from two to seven years. From this distance, one would judge that a live Grand Master or Grand Lecturer is needed to stir up the animals. He recommended that the charters of two councils be arrested, which was done; he further finds need of making the constitution and regulations stronger and more forceful if the organization is to survive. He urges devotion to effort and encouraging the building up of every council and refers them to their duty and obligations. To this end he recommends the division of the jurisdiction into districts for supervision by competent companions, but this did not meet with approval. He recommended thus:

Rotation in office is not always best for an organization of any kind, but more particularly does this apply to Masonic Bodies. If you elect a set of officers and they fail to perform their duties, don't hesitate to replace them; because they happen to be in line should be no reason for promotion unless they deserve it. If your principal officers are indifferent, you will soon have a dead council. They must possess energy and be willing to learn the work, so that proper impression is made upon the candidates; otherwise it is not satisfactory, and little or no good will result.

He commends Grand Recorder Hempstead and notes with

pleasure that they have been co-workers for four of the York Rite bodies.

Grand Recorder Hempstead in his report gives an account of the severe loss sustained by the jurisdiction in the burning of the Masonic Temple.

In the great disaster of the burning of the Masonic Temple on the morning of August 27, 1919, this Grand Council lost a number of valuable books constituting our library. I had laboriously collected our Proceedings year by year from the organization of the Grand Council to 1918, and had two sets bound covering that period, all of which were destroyed, with a similar set belonging to Occidental Council No. 1, and these will be difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

I am particularly grieved at the loss of the Dispensation granted by Companion Albert Pike as Inspector General of the Scottish Rite in Arkansas, to Occidental Council No. 1. This was the introduction of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas.

The document, in Companion Pike's handwriting, hung on the wall of Occidental Council Hall, framed, and on the opposite wall the Charter issued by the governing body of the Scottish Rite, from Charleston as the See City, with the signature of Albert G. Mackey to date 1853, both of which perished in the conflagration and can never be replaced. We Companions of Occidental Council talked of having this Dispensation photographed and the copy hung on the wall, the original to be stored away in some secure place. But the fire fiend paid his visit before the suggestion was carried out, and so the precious documents have gone from us forever.

He reports nineteen councils making returns and seven failing to do their duty. This seems like too large a percentage when Michigan gets full reports from every one of her sixty-nine councils.

On recommendation of Grand Master, a committee was appointed to propose changes in the constitution and report at the next year.

DAVID I. MILL, Pine Bluff, Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1919

Fifty-ninth Annual

SAN FRANCISCO.
SAMUEL E. BURKE, Grand Master.

April 14.

The Grand Master's report is very ample and full of detail. He opens with reference to the present condition thus:

A most momentous year has been the one just ended; momentous for our Order, for our Country and for the world. Never has there been a time when each day wrote more startling pages of history than the year just past; when, like the child who gazes at the sparkling particles of the kaleidoscope and is fascinated by the ever-shifting variation of its color, we watched the daily bulletins from our forces at the front with their varying reflections of gray or gold. We have about run the gamut of human experience in the twelvemonth gone: war, pestilence and famine have stalked the earth and these things of which we have only vague abhorrent ideas became our household words. There were the dark days, too, when our foe seemed for a space to have borrowed the power of all the war-gods and swept everything before him. Then, suddenly, as the child's kaleidoscope twinkles and changes, came the stupendous turning of the tide, and our victorious armies hurled back the oncoming Hun as did Moses the encroaching waters of the Red Sea. On the eleventh day of November, the battle-clouds lifted and we began to see at last the white radiance of peace. That light is still clouded by civil strife and revolution, as when an April sun shines and is obscured by the stormy cloud, only to appear again in a golden flood. So amid these varying shades of peace and strife do we watch and pray for the calm, clear light of lasting peace.

He expresses a different sentiment from most of the jurisdictions when he says that there should be more councils in his Grand Jurisdiction than now exists. Of course, he has a jurisdiction nearly a thousand miles long and that makes lots of room for councils. But at the present price of California real estate, he really ought to economize.

Inasmuch as the jurisdiction had abolished the position of Grand Lecturer, he felt that official visitations of the Grand Master are of double importance. So he resolved to be in attendance at one meeting of every council in the State and in only one instance was he disappointed.

He recommended that the Grand Recorder keep on hand a

supply of all forms used by subordinate councils and furnish them at a slight advance over cost, and it was so ordered. He has no hesitancy in expressing his opinion regarding the methods of the Scottish Rite in that section of the country, and has the following to say on the subject:

It is manifestly wrong in my opinion for the Scottish Rite body to elect their prospective members on what is commonly known as the "proposition plan." This so-called "plan"—personally, I prefer to call it a "scheme"—is to elect a newly-raised Master Mason without either his knowledge or consent to receive the Scottish Rite degrees. In some cases, I understand, they have actually been so elected before completing the Blue Lodge degrees. This is utterly unfair to the York Rite who must calmly sit and wait for the petitioner to knock at its door, and if this sort of thing is to go on indefinitely, then we of the York persuasion may as well reduce our York rite to the same level to which the Scottish Rite in these particular localities has fallen, and pursue the same brand of tactics. To me this wild rush and scramble and barter for candidates is the very antithesis of everything Masonic either in precept or deed, and in my opinion this practice should be summarily stopped.

He is also strongly opposed to retention of the same Master year after year.

Grand Recorder Davies reports 3,638 members, a net gain of 269. The per capita dues to Grand Council were made fifty cents per member and each council required to hold a stated assembly at least once in three months for transaction of business; and a failure to assemble for six successive months shall be deemed cause for the arrest of the charter.

The sum of \$2,500.00 in United States bonds were appropriated for the purpose of building a Domestic Science bungalow at the Masonic Home for Children at Covina. The Grand Council made a contribution toward a fund that seemed to be raising in that State for the purpose of furnishing educational information regarding the York Rite, and I think in a way intended to counteract the influence of the Scottish Rite propaganda in competition for candidates.

The Grand Master was given \$350.00 for visitation expenses. The Grand Recorder's salary \$200.00, rent of his

office \$180, and Chairman of Correspondence Committee \$75.00.

The report on correspondence is the work of Francis H. E. O'Donnell and is well written, Michigan receiving nearly two pages of space. He was well impressed with Grand Master Hale's detailed report of conditions among the councils and quotes nearly a page of his address. In mentioning the correspondence report he gives this writer the title of "Past Grand Master," to which, of course, he is not entitled, but we thank him for his good intention. He closes thus:

The writer thanks the M. I. Companion for his notice of the "Super-Excellent Joke," and congratulates Michigan upon the New Ritual of that degree. He is also old fashioned enough to rejoice that the efficacy of prayer is not to be denied, even in Michigan. The word "even" bears no relation to the "merely" in President Wilson's splendid response to the Huns' Peace camouflage.

H. RAY FRY, San Jose, Grand Master.

THOMAS A. DAVIES, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO, 1919

Twenty-fifth Annual.

DENVER.

October 6.

MARSHALL H. VAN FLEET, Grand Master.

Three Past Grand Masters reported to be unable to be in attendance on account of their health and a committee was appointed to visit the absentees.

The Grand Master reminds us of what we are all conscious, that "Another year has passed into history," although it only seems like a quarter. He also announces that they are entering on the deliberation of the "Silver Jubilee", having passed a quarter of a century of history. As the election to the office of Grand Master was unexpected and the time so short before the meeting, he was unable to attend General Grand Council at Baltimore. He was, however, faithful to the duties of visiting the councils and succeeded in visiting all but one, and in nearly all he witnessed the work in one or more degrees.

There was only one of these councils where he was not accompanied by some of the Grand Officers. On the subject of work he says:

No greater work can be done by mature men and Masons than to render any and all assistance and make it their special work to keep in touch with our young boys, who will soon be the men and Masons of the communities in which they reside. My own council has adopted a plan to invite all the boys of the town, aged from 14 to 20, to be their guests one night a year. We arrange for some good short talks that will interest them. With a musical program, indoor sports, and a nice banquet, we impress on them that they can come to a Mason any time in their joys or troubles for advice or assistance. We find it begins to bear fruit and Cryptic Masonry is doing some good in our community for the coming generation. I recommend that all subordinate councils in this jurisdiction adopt some plan of this kind to get in closer touch with the boys.

Grand Recorder Foster reports the net gain of 115, with a total membership of 1620. One council was called up on the docket for not making returns and paying dues.

The movement was made to get some record of the deposit made on Pike's Peak by the Kansas Masons incorporated into the records of Colorado and a committee was appointed to prepare the necessary data. We will hear from them next year.

The report on correspondence is the handiwork of Wm. W. Cooper. Michigan, 1919, gets a short review. He deems it to be a rather strange Masonic procedure for a Grand Body to discipline one of its constituents for failure to do work, assuming that no candidates had been elected to receive the degrees. In most of these cases the assumption is not exactly correct for the work was to be had if the councils would do it. He commends the report of Grand Lecturer Hale, which shows that he has "kept up the good work he started when he was Grand Master; that instead of ignoring unsatisfactory conditions it is better to take notice of them and try to bring about an improvement."

WM. H. DELBRIDGE, Greely, Grand Master.

ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1919

One Hundred-first Annual.

NEW HAVEN
HENRY H. BRADLEY, Grand Master.

June 4.

Visitors from neighboring jurisdictions of New York and Massachusetts were announced and introduced.

The Grand Master granted a dispensation for a new council on a petition of seventy signers, to be located at Orange, with splendid prospects for making a fine council. He authorized the purchase of six aprons and carrying cases for the needs of the Grand Council. He accepted the resignation of the Grand Chaplain who after 20 years was no longer able to perform the duties. The Grand Master visited all of the subordinate councils in the jurisdiction.

A system of markings or ratings was adopted on ritual, floor work, paraphernalia, records and attendance. The first four items in all cases but two were A. The attendance ranged from seven percent to thirty percent.

Grand Recorder Sturdy reports a total membership of 7,016 and a net increase of 264. This is an average gain for three years indicating that Cryptic Masonry is steadily progressing in Connecticut. All councils had work.

I have understood that in Connecticut there has been a "gentlemen's agreement" that no one should go on from the chapter into the commandery until he has had the council degrees, and as a result I call your attention to the above total membership, as against a membership in the Grand Commandery of 4,590. If all Grand Council jurisdictions would work like that the recent defeat of the prerequisite amendment in Grand Encampment would hurt nobody.

The Correspondence Report is the work of Grand Recorder George A. Sturdy and he is very bumptious on the subject of "Independents." He mauls the "General Granders" particularly Mordhurst, Williams, and others. After quoting what the Committee on the State of the Rite of General Grand Council said regarding the royal welcome to the remaining, "so called Independent Grand Councils," Sturdy says:

The committee is all right and eminently persuasive, but we don't like its writing us down as "so-called independent Grand Councils." "We are,—ain't we?" Nothing "so-called about us. Let us go back another bit. Listen:

The Grand Council of Connecticut in Hartford, May 9, 1870, passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut do not approve of the organization of a national grand council; and that we hereby protest against such national organization as unnecessary, expensive, and altogether inexpedient."

Nothing "so-called" about that—what?

He reviews Michigan for 1918, starting as follows:

Connecticut's representative, Ithamar T. Smith, Hudson, absent. Some indifference to Grand Council when but 69 council representatives out of 210 give it personal attention by their presence, including proxies.

And after carefully going over Grand Recorder Conover's exhaustive statistical illustration, the reader is inclined to reason that Michigan is over-burdened with councils. Thirty-six of the 70 councils have much less than 100 members, and one council had 18 members in 1916—and has 18 today. Evidently there were Grand Masters whose highest ambition was to institute new councils during their term, in unproductive fields, without consideration for the future, and these councils ultimately becoming a drag on the patience of the Grand Council. So many councils failing to report and so many paying no attention to the Grand Recorder's communications, it looks as if a wholesale clean-up would be good for Michigan, looking only to the survival of the fittest. Some day a Grand Master will arise to force this attitude.

He reviews in detail Grand Master Hale's address, and says:

Finally as an effort to improve Michigan's situation the Grand Master recommended the revocation of the charters of several councils and the placing of others on probation, in all of which the Committee on Charters and Dispensations concurred. And now, as the retiring Grand Master was appointed Grand Lecturer he will have effective opportunity of observing how his recommendations work out. This Grand Council has for years indulged in the luxury of a Grand Lecturer, under salary and expenses. If a Grand Lecturer has anything to do with promoting the efficiency of subordinate councils, we wonder why the reports of Michigan's subordinates should be so conspicuously inefficient, so many of them.

However the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, having spoken

their minds freely, an improvement in the hereafter is anticipated. And once upon a time Michigan was away up in "Class A" of Grand Council jurisdictions.

He wonders what the Super Excellent used to be in Michigan after reading the comment on the change. Well, never mind, let the dead past bury its dead.

Under Ohio, in getting back at Companion Nelson Williams, he quotes a little Ancient History and comments on it thus:

On May 12, 1857, report was made to the Grand Council of Connecticut concerning the meeting in Hartford in September, 1856, for the purpose of organizing a General Grand Council for the United States, as follows:

"The necessity for agreeing upon a uniform system of work in the council degrees is noticed in many grand bodies, and our New York companions seem to be very sanguine in their belief that the organization of a General Grand Council of the United States would promote that highly desirable end, but, if we may form an opinion in reference to this matter from the failure of the General Grand Chapter to establish uniformity of work for their Royal Arch, it is at least doubtful whether any important good would have been accomplished by the creation of another general grand Masonic body. And this it seems was the opinion of a large majority of the delegates who attended from all parts of the country at the convention held in Hartford during the session of the General Grand Chapter in September last. This convention was called to consider the propriety of establishing a General Grand Council, and to organize such a body if deemed expedient. A resolution was introduced into the convention declaring, "That it is expedient to organize at this time a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States." This resolution was fully discussed, and as a very decided opposition to the motion was manifested, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "at this time." But so decided was the opposition to the proposed organization, either at "this time" or any other time, that the resolution as amended was rejected by a strong vote, and the convention forthwith dissolved. And we may be allowed to add that the proposition for a national organization will not be speedily renewed."

This quotation from the Grand Journal of 1857 in Connecticut is entered here for the benefit of other correspondents who have been picking on Connecticut on this General Grand business, as well as Com-

panion Williams. At least four times since then has the attempt unsuccessfully been made to bring in Connecticut.

F. WARD DE KLYN, Danbury, Grand Master.
GEORGE A. STURDY, New London, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1918

Annual Meeting.

LONDON.

March 21

A. J. THOMAS, Grand Master.

This Grand Council is made up of seventeen subordinate councils, gathered throughout England, Tasmania, New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, and Queensland. No statistics of membership are given, but the Grand Recorder reports the progress of the Cryptic Rite has been satisfactorily maintained, "thirty-four certificates having been issued since the last report."

The Grand Lecturer reported that owing to illness he had been unable to visit as many of the councils as he wished too, but found great efficiency in working, and much interest taken by the companions. He was much gratified to find that during these strenuous times the numbers were so well maintained.

This is election of officers in the Grand Council.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the M. Ill. Grand Master as follows:—

Be it known that Richard Loveland-Loveland, one of his Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, Past Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah of the United Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Deputy Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, Pro Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council 33°, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic degrees, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland for London and the Metropolitan Counties, &c., &c., is and I hereby proclaim him Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales, and the

Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, Whom may the Most High long preserve.

The acting Grand Master then announced that the Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint the Deputy Grand Master whereupon he was likewise proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The acting Grand Master then announced that the Most Illustrious Grand Master had been pleased to appoint the rest of the Grand Officers, and those present were invested. Sounds funny to democracy, does it not? The rest of the proceedings are taken up with a list of the members and the returns of the individual councils.

RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, LONDON, Grand Master.

ARTHUR D. HANSELL, London, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND, 1919

Annual Meeting.

LONDON.

March 20

P. T. DORMAN, Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne.

The Grand Master makes no annual address but the Grand Recorder reports the activities indulged in. He shows that in the past twelve months no less than 44 certificates have been issued and this is considerable in advance of the number issued during the last three years. Notice is given that Companion F. C. Van Duzer has been appointed Grand Representative of Michigan. The Grand Recorder announces that he will welcome from the Recorders the various councils of the Cryptic degrees, accounts of any events or proceedings which they may deem of essential interest to the members of the Order.

Our English companions are very careful to give account of pounds, shillings and pence received and disbursed, but nowhere do they give statistics of membership. The Deputy Grand Master called attention to the absence, through illness,

of Companion F. C. Van Duzer and the Recorder was directed to send a suitable letter expressing regrets.

RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, Grand Master.
ARTHUR D. HANSELL, London, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1919

Seventy-sixth Annual.

MACON.

April 29.

AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, Acting Grand Master.

These proceedings are prefaced by a halftone portrait of Grand Master Charles L. Bass, in the uniform of a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, who was then serving in France and unable to be present. The Deputy Grand Master, Companion M. A. Weir, passed away on November 3, 1918, leaving the responsibilities to the Grand Conductor of Work, A. G. Miller.

The Grand Master in his address calls attention to the unusual fact that the year has seen the affairs administered by three separate and distinct individuals.

He reported five new councils constituted under charters and eight councils instituted under dispensation.

It seems that councils which remit the dues on life members and ministers are not relieved from payment of per capita tax on them to the Grand Council. The Grand Master recommends that where a member becomes in arrears for dues for two years he may be suspended after due notice without trial, but if dues are paid within twelve months he may be automatically reinstated; after that it takes unanimous ballot.

The Grand Recorder is about the whole cheese in Georgia and the Acting Grand Master says of him:

To those of us who have kept in intimate touch with the progress of affairs of Cryptic Masonry in Georgia, it is apparent that the commendation for the excellent showing made must go to our Grand Recorder. It is more than a pleasure to me to award to him the praise he so richly deserves. From boundary to boundary of the State he has gone instituting and constituting and reviving councils, giving to officers needed instruction and to companions encourage-

ment. To him we owe a debt of gratitude. For the labor he so willingly gives he receives but a paltry sum. I, therefore, recommend that this Grand Body fix his salary for the next year at fifty dollars per month.

It might be mentioned parenthetically that Companion McHan is the Grand Treasurer-Recorder-Lecturer of that jurisdiction. This busy companion presents his third annual report, and is proud of the accomplishment, as he finds the interest in the councils always increasing. While he instituted eight new councils, I warn him to beware of numbers as his report begins to show the effect of too many small councils. During the year he either conferred or assisted in conferring the degrees upon 640 candidates, many times conferring the degrees after the usual work in chapter meetings. The result shows a total membership of 2,526, a net gain of 480. When he took charge of the treasury it was in debt \$500.00 and no jewels had been given out for a number of years. Today they owe nothing, all Grand Masters have jewels, and the Grand Recorder has been paid more than ever before, and also the traveling expenses of the Grand Master. They also have \$1,263.00 in the treasury. Good for Georgia and thanks to Companion McHan.

Apparently all the Grand Officers were elected by motion.

The Finance Committee recommended the salary of \$50.00 per month to the Grand Treasurer-Recorder, and the mileage was increased to three and one-half cents per mile and four dollars per diem.

No report on correspondence.

AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, Waycross, Grand Master.
EDGAR A. McHAN, Macon, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS, 1919

Sixty-seventh Annual. URBANA. September 24.
E. W. EGGMAN, Grand Master.

A very foggy half-tone of the Grand Master introduces

the proceedings, but I presume it corresponds with the present idea of "art". The Grand Master in opening his address used the review of the war, ending up with America's Creed. In reporting one of his special dispensations for a council to open and hold an assembly in another town, he goes on to say:

It is well known that this provision was adopted and was followed when we still held to the rule of a definite territorial jurisdiction for each council, and when the purpose was to prevent encroachment and invasion of the jurisdiction of one council, by another. This Grand Council, having abandoned the theory of territorial jurisdiction for its subordinate councils several years ago, I have held that the prohibition of this section no longer applies, and that as the companions were privileged to join any council in this jurisdiction, without asking the nearest council for its consent, so Alton and Olney Councils seizing the opportunity of broadening its influence were privileged to go to them with these degrees, with the consent of the Grand Master, when circumstances justified that procedure. I was present on both of the above occasions, and was much impressed with the possibilities for the future, with this enlarged field, for the small down State councils, which this relaxation of the by-laws foretells.

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I am firmly of the opinion that with a relaxation of the rules as now in force, and permitting the holding of assemblies in places other than those authorized in the charters, no harm can come to the rite, and on the other hand in a few years' time much improvement will be noted, both in the number greeted and the interest instilled in the cryptic degrees. Today the membership in the councils of this jurisdiction aggregates less than twenty-five per cent of the aggregate chapter membership, largely, as I believe, from a lack of opportunity to go away from home to take the degrees. "The greatest good to the greatest number," should be a rule seriously applied, and in encouraging the councils to hold assemblies away from home, of course under restrictions imposed by the Grand Master, or by law, larger numbers can be greeted and more enthusiasm instilled in the workers, everyone realizing that "nothing succeeds as well as success," and the larger the body of candidates to be greeted, the more enthusiastic are the officers and companions to excel.

In all of the above the writer heartily concurs, as it is for the good of the cause. The Grand Master appeals to the councils to "cut out the waste," then calls attention to the

annual waste amounting to over twenty per cent of our accessions by reason of suspensions for non-payment of dues. He issued a circular to the councils enjoining their co-operation to prevent this annual loss and was gratified to find that it was cut down to ten per cent. All councils can well give attention to this important detail of their work for it certainly is a great waste of energy.

The Super Excellent ritual has not received much encouragement in Illinois, but the Grand Master seems to favor it, as witness the following:

I have given much thought to the question of the advisability of conferring the Super-excellent degree in the councils as a whole, that is, to bring to this degree such encouragement as will take away from it the present optional feature, and leaving it to the councils themselves to confer it, or to refuse to do so.

At the present time this degree is regarded as an honorary degree, in fact is so designated in the constitution and by-laws, but I would give this degree a standing in this jurisdiction by the adoption of a ritual in keeping with the sublimity and impressiveness of the subject matter of this degree, and commensurate with its importance in the portrayal of important historic incidents. I have seen the degree conferred on several occasions during the past year, and when well presented and with an elimination of "horse play", the degree is redolent of the sweet scents of the orient, and most impressive, in that it brings out the perfect lines of the destruction of the temple, and the downfall of Zedekiah, the last King of the Jews.

I am firmly of the opinion that with a ritual adopted by this Grand Council leaving nothing to the ingenuity of the ritual maker, we will bring greater interest into our councils and be able to employ our histrionic talent now lying fallow in our councils, and the interest thus engendered will serve to make the councils of this State better able to furnish that line of entertainment to keep its membership interested, now so much sought in one of the other so called Masonic degrees, taking much after the traits and habits of the denizens of Sahara.

The Grand Master calls attention to the fact that when the salary of the Grand Recorder was fixed, the membership was 5,700, and it has now more than doubled and the surplus in the treasury more than trebled without any change in

salary. He therefore recommends that it be increased to \$900.00, which was promptly done.

Grand Recorder Warvell's report is very brief, his statistics all being shown in the regular tables.

Committee on Ritual made a detailed report of their work, which they claim to be "restored and simplified," instead of "revised and changed," claiming to have gone back to the original rather than adopted new. It was adopted and ordered printed and promulgated. As Michigan ritual is just off the press also, I will enjoy very much the comparison of the work.

"Uncle George" again makes the Correspondence Report, which is his twenty-eighth annual epistle to the "Giblimites". As usual it embraces a short review of each individual jurisdiction, except where he skips them, as he did Michigan. I will have to get after our printers and see why so many of our proceedings seem to have miscarried. In his conclusion Uncle George takes great delight in making comparisons of which he puts forth three. First, under the head of members, which shows Illinois as third in the list, not counting Texas; (why not?); then another comparison of numbers greeted, which shows Illinois still in third place, with a final comparison of net gain, which puts her in fourth place. As the year just closed has been in many respects one of the greatest ever experienced in Cryptic Masonry, I have been a little interested myself in making a similar comparison on the latest returns which are accessible. So here is the way the "Big Six" stack up:

COMPARISON "BIG SIX."

MEMBERSHIP—Ohio, 27,779; Texas, 22,897; Illinois, 11,891; Indiana, 11,832; Massachusetts, 10,329; Michigan, 10,196.

NUMBER GREETED—Ohio, 4,303; Texas, 2,000; Illinois, 1,321; Michigan, 1,268; Indiana, 801; Pennsylvania, 631.

NET GAINS—Ohio, 3,828; Texas, 1,569; Illinois, 1,277; Michigan, 1,000; Indiana, 545; Pennsylvania, 455.

A few years ago Michigan stood third in the list, but for a few years of bad luck, Illinois swept by Connecticut, Michigan

and Massachusetts. Now with our present rate of increase in net gain we soon will be able to overhaul her. While Michigan has doubled her membership in the last fifteen years, Ohio has quadrupled their membership.

CHARLES F. GEISE, Chicago, Grand Master.

GEORGE W. WARVILLE, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1919

Sixty-fourth Annual.

INDIANAPOLIS.

October 21.

ABRAM L. SPANGLE, Grand Master.

The Grand Master reports that, notwithstanding the terrible epidemic of influenza which interfered with council meetings last year, they made a net gain of 545 members, and states that Cryptic Masonry was well represented in the World War; 807 companions went forth to do their part. The Grand Council is sufficiently affluent to donate \$500.00 to the Masonic Home. He granted a dispensation for a new council, known as Elwood Council, U. D. On account of sickness, he was only able to make five visitations to councils. In conclusion he expresses his gratitude to Grand Recorder Prather for his assistance as well as Miss Smyth and Miss Ritchie of the Grand Recorder's office for their personal services. I am glad to see that the girls get their share of thanks, as, of course, we know they do the most of the work.

The Grand Recorder reports a good bunch of cash receipts amounting to \$6,371.02. Indiana is liberal in that it pays \$793.92 mileage and per diem; General Grand Council dues, \$225.00; annual dinner, \$125.00; Grand Recorder's salary, \$500.00; stenographer and office expenses, \$308.00; Grand Inspector's salary and expenses, \$780.67; correspondence report, \$200.00. In addition to liberal appropriations, they still have \$5,000.00 invested in securities. With 71 councils they number 11,832 members, which places them in fourth place if Texas is counted, which Mordhurst refuses to do.

Grand Inspector Glendenning presents his eleventh annual report and he finds some difficulty to formulate it in such a shape that it will not appear stale to his hearers. He reports one assembly of Indianapolis Council where 101 petitions were received and states that the council greeted 428 during the year. Good work. On the subject of prerequisite, he continues:

Prerequisite might help some, but in Indiana we get along very well without it, and are prospering right along. It is very evident that the Grand Encampment will never, in our day and generation, make the council degrees a prerequisite for the commandery, so we might as well make up our minds to paddle our own canoe.

As is usually the case, he is enthusiastic about the Super Excellent degree and says:

The revised ritual of the Super Excellent Master's degree, adopted by the General Grand Council in 1912, and which is now being conferred in a large number of our councils, has done more than any other thing to build up Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. Companions travel long distances in order to receive it and universally express themselves as being well repaid for their trouble.

By resolution, the mileage was increased from five cents to eight cents per mile one way and the minimum fee for dues was raised to \$10.00. After a delightful six o'clock dinner, the members were addressed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Charles J. Orbison.

The Jurisprudence Committee formulated a new wrinkle by regulations to provide that councils failing to be represented in Grand Council for two successive terms should be fined \$25.00 for such non-attendance. Whew!

Grand Recorder Prather presents a splendid roll of honor, printed in three colors, which embraces the names of 807 members who participated in the World War.

Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, "again and for the thirtieth time", submits the annual review. Michigan for 1919 receives a share of his careful attention. He makes note of the new Super Excellent ritual of which he was favored with a copy and in which he finds some of the

General Grand Council work, and then slams it into us as follows:

The Michiganders have no use for a General Grand Council excepting, evidently, as they may use its property free of charge.

Inasmuch as the so-called General Grand Council ritual was appropriated from Mansfield, Ohio, work, which put Ohio Cryptic Masonry at the head of the list, we can stand our rebuke with the best of grace. He is generous enough to place the General Grand Council "Foreword" and Michigan "Foreword" in the deadly parallel columns to show their similarity, and we admit the charges made. Why it should be so much more of a crime for Michigan to appropriate the best parts of the Ohio Ritual to amend that of the General Grand, than it was for the General Grand to base its ritual on Ohio work, we fail to see and are open for conviction. Come over into Michigan, Henry, and see our new ritual put on by some of our best councils and if you are a close student of that degree, you will recognize a good many improvements on even the Ohio ritual.

Henry denies the insinuation that his previous report was written "under the balmy influences of Florida sea-breezes," but he confesses that its merit is due to "the good old Hoosier breezes that blew over beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee". That being true, he evidently devotes all his time in Florida to raising those big red tomatoes for which he is famous. I wish to quote from his conclusion the comments on the action of Grand Encampment on Prerequisite Amendment:

Well, Grand Encampment has met and again defeated the prerequisite amendment. Let us hope that the matter will now be permitted to rest. This writer never could see much in the argument that because the commandery draws its membership from the chapter, it must therefore necessarily support the council.

The commandery is a Christian order, while Masonry is a universal brotherhood. Hence why bother with what it does or does not as to its membership. The council is the summit of the American system of Masonry and will so remain while Freemasonry endures.

If the commandery wishes to make its membership more select they will require the postulant to be a Cryptic Mason; if they wish to popularize the same then they will continue as in the past, or even omit the chapter.

It were better for councils and Grand Councils to give up the ghost than to be constantly begging for assistance from a body that, while composed of Masons, certainly is not Masonry.

HORATIO W. VEDDER, Indianapolis, Grand Master.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

IOWA, 1919

Twentieth Annual.

CEDAR FALLS

October 7.

A. E. OTHMER, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his address with this comment:

The past year has been one of unusual activity in Masonic circles all over our land, officers and members, in many instances, making sacrifice of private interests by holding special sessions at unseasonable hours to promote the welfare of the institution. Cryptic Masonry not being a prerequisite to membership in the commandery, our subordinate councils being few in number, compared with the other Masonic bodies, and in many instances difficult of access, therefore, we possibly may not have shared a proportionate increase. However that may be, this unusual activity would indicate that the principles of Masonry and the general character of its votaries are commanding the respect of the outside world as never before in the history of the order, which should encourage us toward "higher aims, nobler deeds, and greater achievements" in our Masonic duties.

He notes the increase in the amount of unpaid dues among the councils of nearly thirty-nine per cent and thinks this condition is truly alarming and should arrest the attention of every member of the Order. He fears that in many cases too much interest is taken by members relative to the position of honor instead of looking after the business end of their councils and he very truly says:

The office of Recorder is the business end of the council. He must be courteous, pleasant, and accommodating; be willing on the busiest

day of the week to leave his private work, take your dues whenever it is convenient for you, and give a receipt. He very often does not get the credit due him, nor does he always have the full support of the presiding officer. He sends out statements to delinquents, citing the penalties, and even threatening suspension for non-payment, but the penalties are not always enforced.

He therefore urges all councils to select their Recorders with more care and that Masters give them undivided support. The Grand Master's efforts to open up a line of communication that might lead to the exchange of Grand Representatives with foreign Grand Councils never made a ripple. No replies were received to his communications. The council at Marion surrendered its charter.

Amendments to the constitution were made providing for the appointment of a Custodian of the Work, whose duty it shall be to instruct and inspect the councils and file a written report on each council with the Grand Master and Grand Recorder. He thinks the office should be held for three years and receive a compensation of \$7.50 for each council instructed and, if necessary, traveling expenses. The following amendment to the law was adopted:

Permission to open in Jurisdiction.—To encourage the upbuilding of councils it is hereby provided, that with the written permission of the Grand Master in each case, a council may open a special assembly in a suitable lodge or chapter room in a city or town within its territorial jurisdiction other than that in which chartered.

The sum of \$3,000.00 was invested in Victory bonds. A committee of three was appointed to select a design for Past Master's jewel, the cost not to exceed \$75.00.

Companion E. N. Willard writes the Correspondence Report. For some reason Michigan failed to reach him and we get no review. As the printing was late last year, presume it was chargeable to that.

CHRISTOPHER HUTTENLOCHER, Des Moines, Grand Master.
DAVID M. BROWNLEE, Sioux Falls, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS, 1919

Fifty-first Annual.

TOPEKA.

February 17

CHARLES N. FOWLER, Grand Master.

This jurisdiction was honored by the presence of several distinguished Masons, Edward W. Wellington, Past General Grand Master, who of course was right at home; Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest, and John W. Neilson, General Grand Master of the Second Veil of General Grand Chapter.

Grand Master Fowler's address is of good length and full of interesting items. It was his sad duty to report the death of Companion Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for many years. The Grand Master attended the triennial at Baltimore and placed the arrangements for the trip in the hands of Companion Neilson, who had been the "understudy in that capacity of Companion Wellington," so, of course, the details were taken care of in good order. He calls attention to the "Memorial Deposit" on the summit of Pike's Peak and to the fact that the originator of the idea, Companion Wellington, has just finished his term as General Grand Master and in memory of that fact his picture in bas-relief was added to the Kansas badge distributed at the triennial.

He invited Wichita Council to exemplify the degrees at this Annual Assembly. He finds that the returns show that council making pilgrimages for the purpose of conferring the degrees are the ones that are doing the work and are the successful councils in that jurisdiction.

He calls attention to the discrepancy in proportion of R. & S. M. companions to the number of Royal Arch Masons, which stands at 2,477 against 12,159. The usual proportion is about one-third, so that Kansas is hardly up to the average. Feeling that "Cheapness does not appeal to any man, least of all to a Mason", he therefore recommended that the minimum fee be raised to \$20.00, but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve and it failed to carry. The same fate over-

took his recommendation of payment of Representatives' expenses or mileage. On the subject of pilgrimages he has this to say:

Many councils in this Grand Jurisdiction hold large territory by virtue of their location, and year after year passes without an effort being made to hold an assembly in some good town in the territory held by them. Of course this territory is concurrent, but the fact remains that certain jurisdiction is controlled by each council, and other councils do not attempt to trespass upon such territory, and the result is that a great amount of it is untouched, and many good Royal Arch Masons in Kansas have never had the opportunity of receiving the beautiful and instructive Cryptic degrees, and have entirely missed one of the important links in the masonic system.

The practice of making these pilgrimages has been encouraged, and even urged, during the year, and the councils making these pilgrimages are the live councils in this jurisdiction and the ones showing the greatest increase in membership during this year. It is the very best means we have at hand for the success of our Rite, and should be pushed to the limit.

Grand Recorder Wilson reports the most prosperous year in the history of Kansas, with a net gain of 349. The annual review is this year made by Grand Recorder Wilson, which he opens with this kind reference:

For the past ten years the Reports on Correspondence have been prepared for this Grand Council by Companion MATTHEW MURRAY MILLER, and his manner of expression, carrying with it an under-current of wit, expressing in a humorous way charitable criticisms of his less gifted companions of the "Round Table," and giving credit where credit was due, have become familiar to us all. It is therefore with a deep sense of sorrow that I must announce the sad fact of his passing away on November 29, 1918, while in the midst of the work of preparing his annual Correspondence Reports in the various Masonic Bodies, his last thoughts dwelling on the labor he had grown to love.

Michigan for 1918 gets a share of his attention and of Companion Hale's address, he says:

The address of the Grand Master reports the usual number of dispensations issued, visits made, and other routine duties performed. It also contains, of course, reference to a number of other things, largely of interest to the companions of Michigan. Some of these things, in fact, are of such close personal interest to the local com-

panions that they become almost intimate in their nature, and for that reason we hesitate in commenting upon them.

On the subject of placing councils on probation, he says: "Good work! What is the use of carrying a dead load." He appears entirely satisfied with Kansas' review.

MARION K. BRUNDAGE, Grand Master.

ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1918

Ninety-first Annual.

LOUISVILLE.

December 9.

VIRGIL P. SMITH, Grand Master.

The Grand Master reports the death of Grand Sentinel Charles Anton Gipe. No visitations were made to subordinate councils by reason of the fact that during the first five months the Grand Master was physically unable to do so, and after that time duties as Food Administrator occupied his entire time. The Grand Master attended the General Grand Council at Baltimore and reports a pleasant time. He recommends an increase in salary of the Grand Recorder. There is no question but that he needs it no matter what he is getting. Among his other recommendations is one that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to draft a memorial to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, asking that body that it so amend its laws as to require the Cryptic degrees to be prerequisite on receiving the Red Cross and the Orders of the Temple. Now watch Kentucky, there will be something doing. Nit!

The Grand Master wanted a raise in the salary of the Grand Recorder, but Judge Holland says that the labors of his office have not been very arduous, because enthusiasm has not been extremely marked in Kentucky Cryptic field. He explains, however, as follows:

Our information is that the blue lodges have been doing a

wonderful work, and I believe that that is literally true, but few of the soldiers have had opportunity to petition for the purpose of going higher in their Masonic studies because of the fact that they were unable to say how long they would remain in any certain cantonment.

But I see the silver lining to this possible cloud already. When the boys have returned home, full of the recollections of days and nights on the battle front, and full of dear memories of those who have not returned with them, they may look forward into the great highway of Masonry and wonder if, like their companions whose material selves were left in the embrace of foreign soil, there may be, either on this highway, or near by, some truths of fraternal interest yet hidden from their sight and which may be revealed through their own diligence and Masonic ambition.

He follows this up with another comment later in his report as follows:

At the beginning of this report mention was made of the condition of Cryptic affairs in Kentucky. I had occasion during this summer to spend two or three weeks in some Masonic work in conjunction with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Ohio. I found that he had a most perfect office; that he had every up-to-date and modern fixture necessary to do the work of that office with speed and skill, and I found that he was paid a splendid salary, given a stenographer and rent and all other expenses necessary to successfully conduct that office.

I asked him how it was that Ohio maintained the Cryptic Rite at such a high standard. He told me it was because the Cryptic Rite was regarded just as necessary to the Masonic education as any other rite; that no one would petition a commandery until he had received the Cryptic degrees and that every man expected as soon as he had been exalted as a Royal Arch Mason to take the council degrees. It is a part of Masonic custom, Masonic tradition, Masonic good sense in Ohio, and I wish we could say the same for Kentucky.

Judge Holland devotes nearly a page to the matter of pre-requisition, in which he states that he agrees absolutely with Companion Gillis and gives his reasons for believing in the proposition, but we were all doomed to disappointment when that august body, the Grand Encampment, metaphorically speaking, "smashed the proposition as flat as a pancake by sitting down all over it." Now, Judge, go after the Ohio proposition and adopt their plan of "Work, work, work."

The Kentucky membership is now 2,218, with a net gain

of 116. Companion W. W. Clark reports on the "Doings of Grand Councils," but somewhere Michigan got lost. I presume it was because it was late in getting printed and was still later this year, so we will lose out on several reviews probably. After finishing his review, Companion Clark comments thus:

The outlook is not all that could be desired. There is, probably, no cause for downheartedness; but the horizon is too near; it needs to be pushed farther back. Just when will come the time when a farther, clearer perspective will be had we cannot now prophesy; but we believe that it will come. There is in the degrees of the Rite so much of intrinsic worth that in time, they will be recognized and appraised at their true value. Until then we who are of it and believe in it can but labor on, and laboring, wait.

GUY T. JOHNSON, Lexington, Grand Master.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1919

Ninety-second Annual.

LOUISVILLE.

October 20.

GUY T. JOHNSON, Grand Master.

Grand Master Johnson reports a prosperous and harmonious year with the exception of one grievance that was "wished on him" by his predecessor. He made sincere endeavors to iron out these troubles but he could not get the councils to agree on a single point, so leaves the job for the Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Master gives the account of some of his visitations as follows:

From the number of invitations received to visit councils and partake of their hospitality, it was evident they considered the Grand Master a man of leisure, of unlimited means as well as one of gastronomic abilities. It was impossible to accept all the invitations, but when I was unable to visit I made it a point to name some learned Mason to represent the Grand Council. To create enthusiasm and get results I on several occasions would visit councils without an invita-

tion, warning the Sentinel of the council visited not to announce my presence, taking a seat on the "side lines" and watching the work of the council while they were not under the strain and embarrassment of an official visit of a Grand Officer. This has proved to be a source of much pleasure, and gave me an insight into the workings of councils throughout the State.

On January 16th I made an official visit to my own council, Washington No. 1, Lexington, and was received with honors befitting my station. At this meeting I installed Very Illustrious G. Allison Holland as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Kentucky. I witnessed the conference of the degrees on a class of eight. I performed my duties as Sentinel of Washington Council at this meeting, the office to which I had been elected. So, Companions, you can see that at this meeting I was "head and tail" of Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky.

He calls attention to the Masons of Corbin who are building a new lodge room and have applied for a charter for a chapter and council and then says:

If some of the Companions who are too tired to go to their councils, only a few squares away, could see the hardships encountered by the companions in the eastern part of the State, riding thirty and forty miles on muleback, staying up all night to help put on the degrees, their faces would blush with shame.

After having been lost for about twenty-five years, he has been successful in locating the old jewels of the Grand Council; had them repaired and polished and they made his Grand Council Officers look "all dolled up." He recommends an increase of the Grand Recorder's salary to \$300.00. The Grand Master says on "prerequisite the following:

It is inconceivable how anyone can honestly justify himself in opposing prerequisite or accepting a candidate for Templar who has not completed his Masonic studies and preparations by having received all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Prerequisite is not advocated for the benefit of Cryptic Masonry alone, but to carry out an accepted principle of Masonry adopted and universally practiced by the American system, and to treat the applicant for further Masonic light just and fair. Each degree supports the succeeding degree and each degree is protected by the following degree, except the council, and each organization supports the succeeding organization and is protected by the next higher, except the commandery, and this leaves the Templar's Masonic educa-

tion and preparation incomplete. While in a manner we are begging the protective legislation as a favor, we are entitled to demand it as a right. We do not want or need this legislation for the benefit of the council, but for the benefit of the applicant for further Masonic light, the seeker for Masonic knowledge, who does not know what he wants or needs except as he is advised by his brethren. It has been said that "we are agreed that Masonry is the most progressive and 'enlightened' element of civilization." The action of the Grand Encampment for so these many years proves this assertion to be "all wrong." At the last convocation of the Grand Council of Kentucky a Special Committee on Prerequisite made a report "heartily concurring in the recommendations of Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith, and recommended that they be carried out." It was my pleasure to appoint a special committee to go before the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, which met in Owensboro last May, and to do their utmost to have the representatives of that Grand Body go to Philadelphia to the next Triennial Encampment and demand prerequisite on the floor of that Grand Body. At that Grand Commandery meeting in Owensboro, when the subject of prerequisite was brought up for discussion, several of the Sir Knights, who were Council Masons, took it as a joke, and one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council of Kentucky stated that "there were only seven or eight councils in Kentucky, and nearly all of them in a 'moribund' state." From the returns received this year I think they are a pretty live corpse. If we continue to send Council Masons to State Conclaves and direct them to work and vote for prerequisite, and they do not do this, but make the council degrees a laughing stock for the Masons in this and other jurisdictions, I do not see just when we will accomplish the task of making the council a prerequisite to the commandery. Prerequisite will never come to a vote in Grand Encampment until all the "old-timers" have passed to their reward and younger men are placed in office in that Grand Body. Sometimes I think we should go forward "alone" and not ask for the "sheltering wing" of the commandery. We are getting to be strong enough to walk by ourselves, and the work of the council is pretty enough to command the respect of Masons throughout the State and the United States by going it alone, than by tacking on the coat-tails of the commandery. On my illustrious successor that task of prerequisite is hereby "wished".

Since the above was written the Grand Encampment, at its session in Philadelphia, September 12th, voted down the motion to make the council degrees a prerequisite to the commandery.

He calls attention to the state of the Cryptic Rite in the neighboring jurisdiction of Ohio, where at one meeting there

were 1,500 Cryptic Masons and 800 candidates. He reports number greeted 400 and made a net gain of 345; a total membership of 2,565.

Companion Charles H. Fisk of the Special Committee on Prerequisite made a very full report, which shows that the recommendation was followed through from Grand Council; Grand Commandery unanimously adopted it, but when they voted in the Grand Encampment, "the vote was almost, if not quite, unanimously against the proposition." This will give a clue as to where the opposition came from.

Companion John T. Kincade writes the report on correspondence but missed Michigan.

CHARLES N. SMITH, Danville, Grand Master.
G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND, 1918

Forthy-fifth Annual. BALTIMORE. November 20.
WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council was held September 30, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers and representatives of the General Grand Council of the United States. Those who were present know how well the companions of Maryland acted the title role of "Host".

The address of Grand Master is good and to the point. I cannot forego quoting a goodly portion of the excellent comment:

Many see nothing in the Fraternity beyond the mere conferring of the degrees; others lay particular stress upon the social side—witness the "feeds"; others imagine that from the moment they are made Masons they shall never have to work or suffer for anything; all their troubles are over; Masonry owes them a great deal, and they spend the rest of their days collecting it, and leave their families under the impression that much is due them from the Fraternity. The man who does the least generally expects the most and the family and friends

of one whose presence is unknown in the lodge room generally expect the largest funeral. Masonry, like any other chain, is no stronger than its weakest link.

You may ask, what has this to do with the address of the Presiding Officer of the Grand Council? Would you have me speak of peace and harmony? If they are not here, where would you expect to find them? Would you have me discourse upon the "work?" We expect good work although we do not always get it.

The Masonic Fraternity may be likened to a great ship, drifting upon the sea of time, apparently without an engine and without a rudder, although it has both with plenty of fuel and any number of pilots, but captains seem scarce and navigators are in demand.

In the United States there are nearly two million Masons, with nearly two million ideas and opinions.

We criticize the councils because they have not measured up to our ideals; do we as Grand Officers make clear to them the goal for which they should strive?

Many times we find fault because no candidates have been greeted.

Some officers work like Trojans to Raise, or Exalt, or Greet, or Knight a few more candidates than their predecessor, and measure the success of their administration by numbers.

Officers of this calibre boast of their "success", yet a little closer study of human nature, a little more attention to details and the needs of the councils might possibly have corrected lax conditions and many shortcomings and established a firmer foundation upon which to build.

We cannot expect newly made Masons to delve into the symbology of the Fraternity or become proficient in its history and philosophy without help. Some never learn how to properly enter or retire. Visitors carry lots of documentary evidence—which they fail to endorse—and expect to be accepted on faith.

We are so anxious to make Masons that we will confer the three degrees in one evening, tell our brother that he is a Master Mason, and then take a long breath and wonder what is the matter with Free-masonry. If we were half as keen to instruct our candidates as we are to acquire members, the Fraternity would be much benefited and the question of small attendance would be partially answered.

Now and then we find that something has been "put over" on us; immediately a loud wail is heard, and the query "Why did you let them do it?" Thus our mutual responsibilities are lightly shifted by the membership to our shoulders.

Do we lack organization? Do we lack concentration? Do we lack purpose? We certainly must realize that without these success is impossible.

His closing words are a benediction and should sink deep into the heart of every Mason. They are as follows:

My Companions, let us leave this council chamber today with a firm resolution to do something, to be something, and strive to make Masonry worth while; let us instruct our brethren and not hide our light under a measure; let us work for "Unity" in the Fraternity; let us be what we claim to be, a brother to all mankind, and thus fulfill our mission on earth, the great double tie of love to God and love to man. Let us begin now, and each day put into practice the tenets of our profession; the greatest joy of life is "service" to others—in doing each day some little good—not dreaming of great things to do by and by. By giving we shall surely receive, and if we have never gotten anything out of Masonry it is because we have never put anything in. As we measure unto others so shall it be measured unto us, and may each of us so labor here below that when we leave this for that far distant country, whence we shall never return, may we there receive the wages of faithful craftsmen.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address recommended that it be read in full in each council in the jurisdiction. A good suggestion.

This jurisdiction lost a strong member and a bright light in Masonry in the death of Past Grand Master Thomas Jacob Shryock, who died February 3rd, after a very brief illness. He was elected Grand Master of Grand Lodge in 1885 and continuously held that exalted office until the date of his death, having been elected for the thirty-third consecutive time; a record never reported in this country. He held office in all branches of Masonry. His advice and assistance were sought in many directions. He was a man of broad vision, indomitable will and a great leader. He will be missed in many departments of the activities of his State and home city.

WILLIAM T. THATCHER, Baltimore, Grand Master.
GUSTAV A. EITEL, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1919

Sixty-fourth Annual.

NEW ORLEANS.

February 4.

FRANK J. HERMAN, Grand Master.

The Grand Master apologizes that so many obstacles have presented themselves that his administration has not been one that he had hoped for. He finds that many of the councils have been unable to meet, yet thinks this is not an indication that interest among the craft is declining. He turned over the job of representing Louisiana at the General Grand Council to the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Treasurer Moss reports total resources \$1,221.00. Grand Recorder John A. Davilla reports a total membership of 835, a gain of 24. He gives the following resume:

The statistical figures disclose the fact that the term just closed has not been a prosperous one for Cryptic Masonry in this State. It would appear that the work has suffered considerably on account of war conditions, a number of our active workers being called to the colors, and besides during the close of the year all Masonic activity was suspended for a period of at least three months. Conditions would appear to indicate that our bodies need greater encouragement and that the companions should display greater activity in securing worthy material from among their friends and acquaintances in the Royal Arch Chapters.

The Committee on Necrology reports the death of one Past Grand Master during the year, Companion Graham Surghnor. The constitution was amended to provide for a longer session and start at 10:00 A. M. instead of 3:00 P. M. Many Grand Councils are finding that they have been trying to do a good deal of important business in too short a time to give it the proper consideration it should have.

The Report on Correspondence is very brief, giving less than ten pages. It is written as usual by Herman C. Duncan. Most pages carry reviews of four States, but Michigan in 1918 is accorded a full page. He draws liberally from the address of Grand Master Hale, also the report of the Grand Secretary.

FRANK J. HERMAN, New Orleans, Grand Master.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1918

Ninety-second Annual.

BOSTON.

December 9.

WALLACE C. KEITH, Grand Master.

Contrary to the usual custom, the Grand Master's address does not come until later in the session and considerable business is transacted before the address is delivered. The Committee on Jurisprudence ironed out some local wrinkles by granting request for concurrent jurisdiction between several councils. Some day local jurisdictions will be a thing of the past.

The constitution was amended making the fee for each candidate \$3.00 and per capita tax 25 cents, together with an annual fee of \$5.00 for each council. How would Michigan like that law?

Grand Recorder Comee reports a membership of 10,331, a net gain of 256. Will Michigan pass Massachusetts this year?

An appropriation amounting to \$350.00 was made to the Grand Lodge, which, together with a similar amount to be appropriated annually and the income to be used for maintenance of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Master had expected they would not be as busy as in previous years. He assigned subordinate councils to Grand Officers for official visitations. They were all visited according to schedule and reports show work being well done.

On May 22, Springfield Council celebrated its Centennial Anniversary, a rare and novel occasion for a council.

As it was necessary to issue traveling certificates to all members, the Grand Master found among councils many such certificates uncalled for and recommended that hereafter they be supplied with leather cases at a charge of \$1.00 each.

The annual review is by Edward S. Crandon and is of high standard. Michigan for 1918 draws over two pages of attention. He says of Grand Master Hale's address:

He found one Council down and out and deserving arrest of

Charter, several others needed Godly admonition and got it; this Most Illustrious Grand Master stirred up his jurisdiction, rattled the dry bones and started life in many, giving some Ahishars another chance to wake up and get busy. The new Super-Excellent Degree has inspired a number—Michigan is working it broadly and successfully. The Grand Master certainly was a “live wire.” Cryptic Masonry is substantially better for his year in office; he should have been kept on the job, but we hope for continuation of his fervency and zeal under the succeeding regimes.

Commenting on our custom of “Mahomet going to the Mountain,”—councils working in other towns of their jurisdiction—he admits it “isn’t the worst thing in the world.”

He even admits regarding Michigan that “This is easily one of the best half dozen of the Cryptic reviews.”

WALLACE C. KEITH, Brockton, Grand Master.
FREDERICK T. COMEE, Boston, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1919

Ninety-third Annual.

BOSTON..

December 8.

WALLACE C. KEITH, Grand Master.

A special assembly of the Grand Council was held at Worcester, June 26th, in order to ratify and accept a bequest from the late George M. Rice of \$1,000.00 to be set into a separate special fund. It carried a provision that ten per cent of the net income shall be added to the principal annually. The balance of the income to be expended for charitable, benevolent or educational purposes. The Grand Master reports the councils have been the most prosperous in their history both in numbers of candidates and also from financial viewpoint. He noted that one council in a sparsely settled country district had made fifty-three Council Masons. He recommended that the fee be raised from \$30.00 to \$75.00, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable ritual to be used in opening and closing Grand Council. He appends a long list of dispensations granted, giving full details. In conclusion he says:

I am an optimist. I believe that a new age is dawning. Citizenship, the incarnation of the Divine in human relationship demands that you aid in every walk of life. Will you Masons answer? The "Kingdom of God" is just outside the door. Will you let it in? Let open expressions of opinion, untrammeled by creed or dogma, displace a bigoted partisanship, political or religious. Let education displace ignorance and superstition—let action, consistent with interdependence, displace individualism—let the power that works for righteousness work through each of you. Carry the message to your brothers, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

If the two million Masons in these United States will follow their ideals, we shall be able to perform the work which I believe Almighty God is looking to us to do in this time of stress in the world's history.

Grand Recorder Comee reports a total membership of 10,872, a net gain of 543; 799 received the Super Excellent degree during the year.

Companion Edwin S. Crandon offers his fifth annual review, all of which is up to his usual high standard. Michigan for 1919 received over three pages of his attention. Commenting on the Grand Lecturer's report, he has this to say:

One Council, visited in February, had twenty-four candidates elected, after over three years of no work. Another, after the work, had a dinner "followed by about one-half hour community singing and I am sure that the companions enjoyed this novel and unique feature much more than they would have done with two hours of 'Companions, we have the honor of having with us this evening, etc.' " It is not novel or unique in Massachusetts—"community singing" after the assemblies is quite a habit in many councils—some of them have changed about to dinner and singing before the assembly, and the speech-making is growing less and less, save at our annual Grand Council assembly, where we generally get in a pretty good feast of eloquence and wit as well as of the prandial proper. But we certainly do believe in this joining in song at our Masonic gatherings.

Yes, community singing has made great strides during and since the war and seems to be thoroughly enjoyed by everybody as a means to warm up and get better acquainted. Companion Crandon concludes with a statistical table of Council Membership, number of councils, net gain and percentage of gain. I will only quote the totals which show there is a total

of 1275 councils in the United States, with 176,182 members and a net gain of 12,316, or better than 10 1-2 per cent. He has another comparison showing the nine largest councils, which places Michigan in sixth place, right behind Massachusetts, but if Massachusetts does not gain more than 543 in a year, he will find Michigan has jumped over her into the "King Row". After we do up Massachusetts, we are going after Indiana.

WALLACE C. KEITH, Brockton, Grand Master.
FREDERICK T. COMEE, Boston, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1919

Fiftieth Annual.

ST. PAUL.

October 13.

SAMUEL T. IRVINE, Grand Master.

The Grand Master reports the courtesy of the recognition of the Grand Council by the Grand Chapter of Minnesota in his reception with the Grand Honors at the Grand Chapter convocation. He made a goodly number of visitations to subordinate councils which he reports. He included in his address, comment on the degrees culled from Companion Kuhn's articles. He granted dispensation for a new council at Northfield and issued a circular requesting assistance for the sufferers of the storm which swept Fergus Falls. Under prerequisite he notes that the Grand Encampment turned down this proposed amendment, but he believes that the Cryptic Rite will prosper just the same, if we put energy into our work and make our councils attractive and interesting and he firmly believes that "in time prerequisite will prevail." He then quotes an extract from a correspondent:

"It seems to me that there is no branch of Masonry that gives one so much for so little as the Council degrees, and I would like very much to see it made obligatory for all Chapter Masons to take this work before they enter the Commandery. I look upon these degrees as the clearing house of all the preceding degrees."

Grand Recorder Fishel makes his thirteenth annual report, in which he shows a net gain of 145, the membership being 1931.

Companion Charles S. Seurman again writes the report on correspondence, but finds there is not much new. He observes:

In some cases it would be more proper to say the men who are letting the Rite drift, serene in the consciousness of their high-sounding titles, for which they do nothing but prepare an account of their doings which consists principally of some high sounding phrases, and then the remark that business had prevented them from doing what they had hoped and expected to do. There is not a Grand Council, or a Subordinate Council in all this broad land of ours which is not wide awake, and doing things, which has real live officers at the head of it. The thought impresses itself upon our mind that the bodies of the Rite should exercise some care in the selection of presiding officers. Upon that depends success or failure.

Michigan for 1919 received generous recognition. He notes that the committee extended the probationary term "as might be expected". Yes indeed, but with the extension went a very strong assurance that it was final and that if work was not reported it was good-by charter. The result was they have all shown life and some of them considerable activity. He states the Grand Lecturer's report is the record of a faithful officer and that that was the reason he was elected to the office, but says:

Sometimes councils, with the same intentions, elect fellows to positions of lecturer, and other places, but the goods are not delivered.

He quotes from our report the comment on Mississippi leaning again towards the old "Mississippi plan".

CHARLES H. GREENE, St. Paul, Grand Master.
JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI, 1919

Sixty-fourth Annual.

MERIDIAN.

February 26.

G. FREDERIC CULLENS, Grand Master.

This jurisdiction lost Past Grand Master William B. Taylor, a regular attendant at annual meetings. The Grand Master commissioned Companion McKay to represent him at the triennial and incorporated his report in the annual address, which contained a record of Grand Secretaries Guild meeting at which Companion McKay was elected First Vice-President.

The Grand Lecturer visited every council in the jurisdiction except one. Of the general condition, he says:

I found but a few of our councils able to confer the degrees without assistance. In fact, most of them await the visit of the Grand Lecturer to get the degrees conferred. A number of them seldom or never meet except when the Grand Lecturer visits them. This lack of interest is largely due to the inactivity of the chapter on which the council is dependent for material. I soon found that there is no hope for arousing interest in the council until the chapter is revived and then the council almost always will be automatically revived. So whenever there was lack of interest, I employ my time in an effort to relieve the chapter.

The war conditions as well as the deplorable "flu" situation has interfered seriously with the activities of both bodies; yet the progress of Cryptic Masonry during the year notwithstanding these adverse conditions has, I think, been splendid. I have assisted twenty-three councils in greeting 109 companions.

He is distressed to find that sometimes there is not enough interest among the companions to get a quorum, even when there is work and the Grand Lecturer present, together with candidates who desire the degrees. These are conditions where concurrent or State-wide jurisdiction ought to prevail. Continuing the subject, he says:

About the only business that comes before the regular assembly of a council is to receive and refer petitions, ballot on candidates and confer degrees. In the smaller councils it is difficult to get the necessary quorum to do these things. Taking my cue from a practice

recently instituted by Columbia Council I have recommended to these smaller councils that they change the time of their regular meetings to the night of the regular convocation of their chapters and assemble the council immediately after the chapter closes. As the members of the council and also members of the chapter, I believe they will find it easier to get out the necessary quorum when the members know that enough business will be attended to to justify their making the necessary sacrifice to be present. With this arrangement, I am confident that, whenever it is necessary for the council to assemble, it will be easier to do it.

The per capita tax was restored to the former rate of 50 cents. The Grand Officers' pay held at reduced figures in order to overcome a deficit.

The following resolution was adopted, which speaks for itself:

Resolved, That jurisdictional lines be suspended, so as to allow W. S. Patton Council to ballot on applications during the session of the Grand Council on candidates and confer degrees upon any Royal Arch Masons applying for the same.

There is no report on correspondence.

IRVIN M. MOODY, Meridian, Grand Master.

FREDERIC G. SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Recorder.

Since the above was written we have received the sad intelligence that Grand Recorder Speed died October 19, 1919, at the age of forty years. He succeeded his illustrious father as Grand Secretary-Recorder March 11, 1911. He will be greatly missed by his companions. His wife and two daughters have our deepest sympathy.

NEBRASKA, 1919

Fortieth Annual.

OMAHA.

December 10.

HERBERT A. SENTER, Grand Master.

Only ten of the twenty-five councils responded to roll call, but this is explained when it was reported that owing to

difficulty of railroad traffic occasioned by fuel shortage and the extreme cold weather, many representatives were prevented from attending.

The Grand Master states while the struggle of the great war is over yet we are in the midst of a greater struggle that effects the people of all lands and tongues, one that will need the best thought and efforts of all wisest men and women to bring about a satisfactory settlement. He refused to grant a dispensation to Lebanon Council to hold an assembly at Grand Island, quoting chapter law in the absence of council law. This was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the chapter law adopted. Michigan goes them one better and permits councils conferring degrees in any lodge room within their own jurisdiction. He made several visitations to councils and believes they were of much value to the councils visited and recommended that his successor may have the opportunity of continuing the visits as an incentive to better work. He reports his visit to the Grand Council of Missouri, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of M. I. Companion William F. Kuhn, not twenty-five years as Grand Master as some of our correspondents have been pleased to credit him. He was especially interested in the Super Excellent degree conferred according to the new ritual, Companion Kuhn acting one of the principal parts. He secured a ritual and requested Omaha Council to confer the degree before Grand Council, but not being able to do so, it was placed on the program for next year.

Grand Recorder White reports twenty-one chartered councils with 2,228 members, a net gain of 125, so that shows they are not dead.

A cordial resolution of thanks to Grand Treasurer Harman was adopted, he having served twenty-one years as Grand Treasurer, refusing to accept any remuneration for his services. No Report on Correspondence.

BARTHOLD KOEHLER, Geneva, Grand Master.

FRANCIS E. WHITE Omaha, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1919

Fifty-eighth Annual.

CONCORD.

May 19.

GEORGE W. CURRIER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is earnest and direct to the point. He reports the death of several well known Masons of that jurisdiction. According to the custom, he assigns the fifteen councils among the first three officers for visitation and instruction and each officer renders an account of his charge. A dispensation was granted for the formation of a new council at Tilton. He notes the appointment of Frederick A. Burt of Michigan to represent that Grand Council near Michigan. The Grand Master was a guest at the Grand Council of Massachusetts and enjoyed its generous hospitality. He was also present at the meeting of General Grand Council in Baltimore and the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria. He is enthusiastic over the aims and progress of this latter organization. He concludes his address with these words:

The Cryptic Rite is the youngest of all our Masonic organizations and much has been said and written as to its necessity for a full and complete comprehension of all the teachings and lessons necessary to a perfect understanding of the principles of Masonry. It is but comparatively a few years since the Rite was organized in New Hampshire, and by many was looked upon as superfluous, but today with its steady growth to fifteen active and vigorous councils and a membership of nearly three thousand it would seem ample proof that it was deserving a place on the Masonic calendar. The lessons taught by the exemplifications of the several degrees are of sufficient importance, that no Masonic student of today considers his education complete without an acquaintance with the beautiful and instructive ceremonials of the Cryptic Rite. Our growth the past year has not been great, but nearly all of the councils have done some work and it has been done in a manner that reflects credit upon those taking part, and has a tendency to elevate to a still higher plane the position which the council now holds in the zenith of Masonry.

Statistics reveal a membership of 2,766, which was a net

gain of 22. The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Recorder Cheney, being his seventh "offense". He says:

Less than ever before seems to have been done in Cryptic work the past year. This may be directly charged to war, patriotic service in our country's need, and to the great epidemic of the fall of 1918.

It all, however, heightens the opportunity that is ours.

There are conspicuous spots, here and there, where we know that the coming year will be used for all it is worth, to regain that which has been lost. But there are more doubtful places than we wish there were. Many of these ought to be stirred up with dynamite or depth bombs.

He gives Michigan for 1918 a kindly review. He expresses an opinion regarding the council reported by Grand Master Hale, which "seems to pride itself on paying no attention to the request of either Grand Master or Grand Recorder," and goes on to say that "such a condition, after it becomes chronic, ought to lead to a funeral." In commenting upon the value of correspondence reports he makes a little couplet which sounds good whether intentional or not.

It does far more than we once thought,
But not nearly as much as it clearly ought.

The proceedings are graced with an excellent portrait of my friend Grand Master Currier.

CHARLES R. DENNING, Concord, Grand Master.
HARRY M. CHENEY, Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1919

Fifty-ninth Annual.

TRENTON.

April 15.

MARION H. HALL, Grand Master.

Several distinguished visitors in the persons of Grand Master Chambers, of New York; Past Grand Master Barnes, of Connecticut; Grand High Priest MacKinnon of New Jersey; Robert A. Sherriffs 33°, Illustrious Deputy for New Jersey, were welcomed and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master made several visitations to different councils about the State and decided that it should be divided into two districts, north and south, with a deputy over each district. He recommended that any companion who had paid dues for twenty-one years be exempt from further dues and become a life member. That seems like rather too short a time. He recommended that the fees for the degrees be raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00, but the committee did not agree with him, neither did Grand Council. He attended the Triennial at Baltimore and notes with pleasure the conferring the Super-Excellent degree with dignity and pomp. He also reports that Grand Secretary McGill of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was one of the candidates.

Grand Recorder Putnam reported a membership of 1,674, with a net gain of 117.

Companion Putnam writes the Correspondence Report, which is boiled down to less than three pages, one whole page of which is devoted to reprinting a portion of the annual address of Grand Master Hale of Michigan on the subject of prerequisite. Our distinguished companion made quite a hit with his report, as it is quite generally quoted. Grand Recorder Putnam notes that a larger number than usual of the Grand Representatives are absent from assemblies of Grand Council and says that New Jersey made a hit with some Grand Masters and correspondents when he declared vacant the office of Grand Representatives that failed in their duty, and adds: "Some one else please make a hit." I think I understand what he means. Plainly speaking he means: "Drop some more heads in the basket." He calls attention to some figures for New Jersey. For every two companions in the council there are five in the commandery and for every one in the council there are six in the chapter, and adds: "There is work afield. If you care to see results of work look at Ohio with five hundred more greeted in one year than our entire membership."

He notes that the Super Excellent degree is receiving

more attention than in the past and that New Jersey now has permission to work it as appendant degree.

HARRY J. CAFFERATA, Hoboken, Grand Master.

HARRY AMES PUTNAM, Trenton, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1919

Ninety-sixth Annual.

JAMESTOWN.

August 25.

JAMES CHAMBERS, Grand Master.

The mayor of Jamestown welcomed the Grand Council to what he called the "City of Homes," and stated a truism when he said: "When you have home owners, you have true patriots." He then told the story of the Russian Nihilist who came to this country with the intention of starting a revolution. After remaining for some years, they wrote to him asking him when the revolution in America was going to begin. He wrote back: "I have acquired some land. I have planted trees. Have a beautiful garden. Have a fine home. My family is contented here. I am no longer a revolutionist. I am an American. The revolution will never begin with me in America." There were many other welcomes and some regrets. General Grand Master Newell was present and welcomed by his own State.

The address of the Grand Master was mostly of local interest. It seems it has always been the custom for the official visitors to meet their own traveling expenses when making such visits, and under present conditions "this sometimes becomes burdensome, as we need the best men in the land for such work." He suggests that the Finance Committee arrange for the payment of such expenses. It would certainly seem as though New York ought to pay if Michigan can. He was pleased to greet the delegates from New Jersey for the first time at the General Grand. Of course New York feels the honor of the selection of Past Grand Master George A. Newell to the office of General Grand Master. The Grand Master

presents a blank form of report for use of Grand visitors and suggests that the visitors shall fill these out in duplicate and file one with the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows that the jurisdiction pays \$100.00 for its Report on Correspondence; \$800.00 salary to the Grand Recorder.

My friend Hemingway reports that all councils, with two exceptions, did work during the year. They have a total membership of 8,223 and a net gain of 498. They are still quite a ways from Michigan and our net gain of 1,000 looks good beside 498. The Grand Council has total assets of \$10,039.54, which ought to keep them out of the poor-house for a week or two. The Finance Committee raised the Committee on Correspondence to \$150, allowed \$250 for rental of offices and \$200 extra for Grand Recorder's salary.

The Grand Lecturer reports that more of the councils have organized a team and put on the degree of Super Excellent Master and that each one had felt well repaid for the work the trouble incurred. An amendment was proposed raising the fee for the degree to \$15.00. Grand Master Robinson of Ohio was present and on this subject rose to say:

I want to say a word about this. Make it twenty dollars if you can. We are getting too much Masonry for ten dollars. You will find your work will not diminish. But be sure to make it a point to give them twenty dollars' worth of Masonry. You can then charge it. The ten dollar councils are sometimes charging too much for the degrees. Put your price up and you will find it will be a step in the right direction.

Companion Ossian Lang again writes the Report on Correspondence and because Michigan is overlooked we can count for it in his postscript where he says that his postoffice address has changed frequently during the past twelve months and possibly some proceedings failed to reach him.

Indiana and Illinois are badly scrambled, but then that is not his fault.

ROLAND K. MASON, Jamestown, Grand Master.
MARSHALL F. HEMMINGWAY, Troy, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1919

Forty-third Annual.

GREENSBORO.

May 14.

ALFRED M. MAUPING, Grand Master.

This jurisdiction had a hustler for Grand Master. He attended the Triennial at Baltimore and particularly enjoyed the conferring of the Super Excellent degree. He also devoted himself to the effort to revive some of the dead councils. He is very happy to report that the General Grand Council of the United States of America has accepted North Carolina's invitation to meet in Asheville in 1921.

It will be some struggle for a small jurisdiction of 735 members to entertain General Grand Council, but they can do it if they start after it.

The roster of membership of the several councils is printed in full, but an introducing paragraph makes me laugh. It reads as follows: "Reports not being typewritten when submitted to Grand Recorder, it is impossible to get names and initials of members correct." Ha, ha, ha! Suppose you had eleven thousand of them instead of 700.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Wilmington, Grand Master.

JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City, Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1919

Third Annual.

FARGO.

January 16.

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR, Grand Master.

This is one of the younger sister jurisdictions and already presents a very fine sample of printed proceedings.

The Grand Master opens his address as follows:

Only last week the grim summons has come to one of the ago, I expressed the hope that when we met again the angel of peace might have descended once more over the earth, but at that time

nothing seemed more impossible of fulfillment. History has been written large, however, during the past twelve-month. The "tumult and shouting" have died on the far flung battle line, and even now the great nations of the world are assembled in the last act of the great drama which will make future wars an impossibility. With humble and contrite hearts let us return devout thanks to Him whose hand has upheld the sword of righteousness and has crushed down for all time the opposing helmets of brute force. May we also not forget those of our dear ones who have offered their lives in love of country, but may we, from their examples of devotion, learn how to live for humanity and to devote our lives in the cause of righteousness.

Under "Necrology" he makes touching allusion to the death of our great American citizen in the following words:

Only last week the grim summons has come to one of the greatest leaders our country has known. Before the bier of Theodore Roosevelt, the Man and the Mason, the entire civilized world, friend and enemy bow in sorrow. Might we all be entitled in such full measure as he to the simple epitaph, "He loved his country." In that four-word sentence is summed up the history of his life.

He had the pleasure of constituting two new councils under their charters and reports glowing prospects. He believes it would be conducive of great good if the conferring of the Super Excellent Master degree throughout the jurisdiction be made more of than it has been in the past. Well, look at Ohio and see what the Super Excellent degree has done for that jurisdiction.

He expresses the belief that the raising of the minimum fee to \$20.00 last year had proven a drawback. The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the time for going into effect be extended one year. This ought to act as a spur in increasing the membership during the year. He further recommends that at future Grand Assemblies of Grand Council the degrees of Royal and Select Master be exemplified before the Grand Body by the Grand Officers. That is an innovation which some officers may not enjoy. He paid a deserved compliment to Grand Recorder Stockwell when he said: "We have all known that we possess

the jewel of rare worth, but until one has worked with him intimately in an official capacity his value to the Craft cannot be fully appreciated."

Grand Recorder Stockwell is nothing if not enthusiastic over the winning of the war and he prefaces his annual report with the following:

The past year has been in many ways the most wonderful year in the world's history. It has recorded, we believe, the complete triumph of Right over Might. When we met a year ago, there was much criticism because of what seemed to be our failure to meet the war situation effectively; our boys were just beginning to get across; they were untried. The fate of civilization was trembling in the balance. Would America come too late? Then America got her stride. Men and munitions began to flow across the Atlantic in ever increasing measure. When our boys numbered one million men overseas, the world was amazed, but when that number reached two million the hour of German's downfall had struck, but we were prepared to send five million. They said we were only a nation of dollar chasers; we could not fight; it was impossible for soldiers to be made out of farm boys, clerks, college students and just plain American boys. The answer is the record at Scheicheckprey, Cantigny, Vaux, Belleau Woods, the second battle of the Marne, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, the Argonne and the Meuse. The Hun has been brought to his knees. The fighting is over, but the war will not be won until the German people repent and grow a new soul. Germany and the Germans must be born again, and until there is regeneration they can only be admitted to the Concert of Nations on probation. There is much to be done before democracy is safe, and it behooves all good American citizens to lay aside petty differences and uphold the hands of the American peace delegates at Paris. Unless war is made impossible, we have sacrificed in vain. It has been to this work that most of us have given our greatest thought and effort, hence no doubt our Masonic work has not prospered as we might wish, nevertheless we are glad to report that the Grand Council is able to show substantial gains.

He reports the membership 1,205, which is certainly fine for a young jurisdiction. He prepared and furnished to the several councils a uniform membership card similar to those used for the other Grand Bodies of the State.

The Committee on Chartered Councils urged the importance of regular stated assemblies, without which it is im-

possible to prevent loss of interest. By resolution, a Committee on Good of the Order was raised to consist of all the Past Grand Masters to advise with the Grand Master "and to advance, by precept and example, the interests of Cryptic Masonry."

Following an excellent full length portrait of Eben George Guthrie is to be found the first Fraternal Correspondence Report of this jurisdiction, and George gives it the following introduction:

Here beginneth the first epistle of the book of Fraternal Correspondence of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Dakota. I should beg the pardon of the Grand Council for presuming to place myself in this self-appointed position, if granted, and my results are allowed to be printed, should ask the indulgence of the knights of the typewriter and the goose quill for my presumption in forcing my work upon them. My explanation of my action is that as the Fraternal Correspondent of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. I am impressed with the importance of this means of spreading the gospel from one to another, with the firm confidence that the labor is not wasted, but on the contrary enlivens the proceedings to an appreciable extent. The fact that this work has been submitted by the author, self-elected, does not signify that there are not those who could improve on the task; but this is offered as a labor of love, with the hope that these reports will be continued from year to year, that North Dakota might take its place in the front ranks with other progressive grand jurisdictions who desire to be broader than the confines of their own geographical boundaries.

The benisons and benedictions we have received from our fellow correspondents, are most cordially and gratefully acknowledged, and we trust that our future progress and action will demonstrate to them that their prophecies, admonitions and praise have not fallen on foul ground.

Then follows a very brief sketch of what was done in each jurisdiction. Michigan for 1918 gets her share. Good work, do it again!

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR, Fargo, Grand Master.
WALTER B. STOCKWELL, Fargo, Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1919

Ninetieth Annual.

TOLEDO.

September 23.

E. GILBERT ROBINSON, Grand Master.

Well, well, well, here we are again, large as ever and twice as handsome, with a good deal bigger membership to make us all envious. Nevertheless we cannot help but admire this great big premier jurisdiction and its splendid Grand Recorder who "does things". The portrait of the newly elected Grand Master, Otto B. Cornell, introduces the proceedings and shows a good likeness of our esteemed Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Council of Ohio. He is an "M. D." and is following his profession in Westerville while being connected with all the Masonic activities.

The Grand Council was favored by a fraternal visit from the Grand Master, Roland K. Mason, of New York. As long as the proceedings mentioned it, there is no use trying to keep it secret that there were several companions present from Michigan. There were George W. Leedle, Grand High Priest; Frank V. Hale, Grand Lecturer; James F. McGregor, Grand Sentinel, and "Uncle Charlie".

The Grand Master's address was a fine paper and Grand Recorder O'Hara being a lawyer has a very handy way of making marginal references to each subject so that he who runs may read. The Grand Master made many fraternal visits during the year. He mentions one held at Cleveland which was the largest Masonic Council Assembly in the history of our Rite.

The three councils of Cleveland joined in conferring the Super Excellent degree upon a class of over 800 and the attendance was estimated about 1,200.

He approved the bills for the new furniture for the Grand Recorder's office and invited the companions to inspect the same. To the good work done by the inspectors he attributes much of the splendid growth of the Rite which has been accomplished by work and not accident. He says:

Our Inspectors have tried to impress the fact that every council should have a reunion—with all that the word implies—at least once each year; and it should be a red-letter day in Masonic history in the town. If, at that time, the Super Excellent Master degree can be conferred, the inspection had, with invited guests, and all members and eligible companions notified in due time, the results are bound to be good. In that connection, I need not urge that each council confer the Super Excellent Master degree, more than to make the following statement: Every council in Ohio wherein the above program is being followed is enjoying great prosperity. Where the reunion idea is absent and the Super Excellent Master degree neglected, the condition of the council is correspondingly poor. Selah.

One Inspector was told by a prominent companion that he did not consider the Super Excellent Master degree necessary. To such as he I say,—read the figures.

There are now seventy-three councils which either confer or assist in conferring the Super Excellent degree and all of these councils are in a flourishing condition. 'Nuf said. The address is closed with these splendid words:

Between the extremes of soulless Capitalism and radical Bolshevism; between bigoted Catholicism and intolerant Protestantism; between selfish partisan Politics and the extreme Social Reformers, there must stand unmoved a large body of thinking, conservative men. Those men must—will—nay, they do,—hold the balance of power. These men must decide and adjust the great question now so rapidly coming before us. And to whom in these matters, can the Government of these United States look with more confidence than to men who think right, act right, and talk right,—the great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons?

My closing word to you, companions, is: Make the most of your Masonry. Men like you are to decide if the words spoken by Lincoln were true:

"That this Nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Grand Recorder O'Hara reports that he has been badly hampered in work by not being able to get supplies and material when promised, six to eight months being required to fill orders. 'Twas ever thus. However there is one thing that makes him happy and that is the big membership list of

27,779. The largest in the world. The net gain is 3,828, and yet Ohio does not enjoy prerequisite. In fact they do not need it, for the Grand Council far outnumbers the Grand Commandery and the distance is getting larger every year. Only three councils show losses and two break even. Companion O'Hara says:

The most potent cause contributing to the wonderful success of the year now closing and for many years past is and has been the conferring, annually or oftener, of the Super Excellent Master degree in our councils. Each year this sublime, beautiful and most impressive degree takes deeper root in the affections of our companions, and its exemplification is everywhere regarded as one of the great Masonic events of the year.

Some writers in foreign jurisdictions, in derision call it the "Superannuated Degree." In their cases ignorance is both bliss and folly, for it seems bliss to them to be continually kicking against that which they know not of. Surely, we who know and appreciate, as all must eventually know and appreciate, the mighty influence of this degree for good, can plainly foresee the verdict of the craft that it is not the degree but its detractors who are superannuated. Then what greater folly can they commit than the record made by themselves against themselves in their useless attempts to destroy that which will ever live as a masterpiece of Masonic ritualism. Be cautious, companions, lest you be hoisted on your own petards or, like the wicked, fall into your own nets.

When we look for growth in the jurisdictions from whence comes ridicule of this degree, we find either very little or none at all, and this leads us to think that possibly the affairs of Cryptic Masonry in those jurisdictions are too largely controlled by, if not altogether in the hands of the superannuated. May they see the light and the Father in Heaven forgive them, for they know not what they do.

In our own jurisdiction each and every council wherein the practice is continued of conferring the Super Excellent Master degree at least once each year, shows satisfactory growth and progress. Those not conferring it agree that their growth and prosperity would be much more satisfactory if they were to do so. Failure on their part is not due to any lack of interest in the degree, neither to any opposition to the degree, but rather to a fear of their ability to do justice to the degree.

Now put that in your pipe and smoke it.

The sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated at the last assembly

for card index membership register. He thinks that it will not be necessary for the recorders to furnish lists of members oftener than once in five or ten years. Well, experience is the best teacher and I've had the experience. I am still correcting errors made on a trial ten years ago.

The following resolution recommended by the Committee on Good of the Order was adopted:

Resolved, that the Degree of Super Excellent Master shall be conferred at least once each year, in every subordinate council working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, but provided that any council, which by reason of local conditions, is unable to confer this degree, may arrange to have officers and workers come from other councils to assist in conferring the degree.

Be it Further Resolved, that where the degree of Super Excellent Master is conferred in shortened form, such shortened form shall include: the Obligation, explanation of the Secret Work and the Emblems of the degree, and the Charge, together with an explanatory summary of the work in full, with no additions whatsoever to the ritual as now promulgated. Provided that the degree shall not be conferred in a shortened form except by dispensation of the Grand Master in each particular case.

The time for making the annual returns was changed to the 31st of May and the election to November. The resolution to raise the fees to \$20.00 was laid over until next year, also a provision that dues should not be less than \$1.00.

The Committee on Ritual reported progress but asked for further time as they found the job bigger than expected. It was decided, however, that each council should be furnished with one ritual of the Royal and Select degrees and two rituals of the Super Excellent degree.

A very interesting exhibit was made by Companion Lee R. Bonnewitz of Van Wert when he showed the members of Grand Council an original scroll of the Book of Esther, purchased by him in Jerusalem. I had the privilege of a close inspection of this beautiful piece of work. The story goes that every wealthy Jew of Palestine thinks that he must be buried with his favorite Book of the Law, so he goes to great expense to have copies made by the Scribes who make that a life work.

As soon as convenient after the funeral, others just as industrious but more foolish, visit the grave by night and steal the parchment or leather scroll and sell it for a good fee to persons who are interested.

"Nelson Williams, Reviewer," is the name which greets our eyes from a full fledged title page to the "Annual Review of the printed proceedings of Foreign Grand Councils." Well, Nelson, here we are again, right after you as usual.

His review is a very readable paper throughout but having already exhausted my space, I must hurry on. He gives a very fair review of Michigan for 1919 covering two and one-half pages. He particularly mentions Companion Winsor's installation of Grand Officers, as he was present a year ago and heard the ritual rendered. He suggested that as we have visited back and forth so much and got so well acquainted, that we might exchange reports, one year at least, but says: "If we should write Michigan Report and Warvelle and Stevenson should discover the absence of hirsute cranium, we should be much embarrassed." There is no question, Nelson, but that is too much of a chance for you to undertake.

OTTO B. CORNELL, Westerville, Grand Master.

WM. T. S. O'HARA, Toledo, Grand Recorder.

OKLAHOMA, 1919

Twenty-fifth Annual.

McALESTER.

April 16.

WILLIAM SCHAEFER, Grand Master.

Grand Master Schaefer announced that inasmuch as the biggest part of the work of the year was carried on by the Deputy Grand Master, he would ask Companion Lester to read his address. It appeared Grand Master-elect Tedrow had never been installed and the duties of the office were placed on Companion Schaefer; when later he was called to duty in the service and Companion Lester succeeded. A gain of about 300 for the past year is reported. Six of the councils had not

sent in a report. He recommended that these councils be visited by some companion to either get them started or induce them to surrender their charters and take membership in other councils. He wisely notes: "I think it would be better to have fewer councils than to carry so many dead ones."

Grand Recorder Scott presented his annual report and here is a sample of what energy and initiative will do:

This year Companions Hudson and Hope (note that name) decided they would put Pawnee on the Masonic trestle board. They gave a banquet and invited all the prominent workers in the State (I was there) to be present. They hired all the Tin Lizzies in the town and went to Perry, Stillwater, Cushing, Ponca City and gathered in all the Royal Arch Masons that had the price, brought them to Pawnee and made R. & S. M. out of them. Result—Pawnee No. 8 increased its membership from 33 to 70, and everybody went away happy. We are in hopes Pawnee will repeat the offense.

Syd Lester was there and vowed that Pawnee could not put it over Shawnee in that way, so Shawnee gets busy. They inaugurated the same kind of a campaign and even invaded Oklahoma City, and what a jolly good time we all had. It is enough to know what kind of a feast we had when I say the ladies of the Eastern Star prepared it. Result—Shawnee increased her membership from 32 to 70, and Syd smiled because he had beat Pawnee one.

I note that the Finance Committee were very generous to grant the Grand Recorder a salary of \$150.00 with this important notation: "The Grand Recorder to be allowed stationery and postage in addition." It should be borne in mind that this jurisdiction has been responsible for a large part of the agitation for the prerequisite amendment to the laws of Grand Encampment, and Past Grand Master Gillis has devoted over six years' labor to the cause. I clip the following:

Companion Gallup stated that as Companion Gillis had spent a great deal of time on this matter, and it comes up at the Grand Encampment this year at Philadelphia, he thought it very necessary that Companion Gillis be present, and therefore moved that this Grand Council pay the expenses of Companion Gillis to that meeting, which was adopted.

It was reported that at the meeting of Grand Encampment held since this amendment was lost by a large majority.

Companion Gillis writes the Report on Correspondence. Michigan draws nearly two pages of his space. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Hale and notes his reference to prerequisite and then consoles us with the following:

There is no comment necessary except to ask, Why is not the same to be said of the chapter degrees? In Michigan there are over 1,000 more Templars than there are Council Masons. Is the council any better without them, or the commandery any worse by having them?

Yes, I think we could spare about 1,000 Templars who "went through" just to wear "tigers' claws."

SNYDER H. LESTER, Shawnee, Grand Master.
JAMES A. SCOTT, Muskogee, Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1919

Thirty-fourth Annual. PORTLAND. April 9.
FRANK H. PATTERSON, Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work were both in Europe. The youthful features of the Grand Master are portrayed in the frontispiece and he opens his address with this:

It is a coincidence that at the age of thirty-four years I was elected to preside over the thirty-fourth assembly of this Grand Council and to be honored as a member of Washington Council No. 3 to welcome you today as the guest of that council.

He refused to grant a dispensation to communicate the Super Excellent degree on a class recently greeted in Hodson Council, so long as several councils were capable of conferring the work in good form. Good for the Grand Master. On his recommendation the committee on Foreign Correspondence

was dispensed with, and a sufficient sum to defray the traveling expenses of the Grand Master was set aside.

Grand Recorder Richmond reports the general condition of progress in various councils, the finances satisfactory, and a good balance in the treasury. During the year they passed the 1000 mark in membership and now total 1,039, with a net gain of 66.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to Companion Hoberg, as his family and friends at that moment were gathered to celebrate his ninety-first birthday.

Companion M. L. Meyers, Grand Representative of Michigan, was checked as present. The Grand Recorder was instructed to communicate with the commandery representatives to place the Grand Council on record as favoring the Cryptic degrees as prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood. Alas!

In the evening after the close of Grand Council, Multnomah Council exemplified the degree of Super Excellent Master upon a class of about 50 candidates.

JOSEPH K. CARSON, Hood River, Grand Master.

JAMES H. RICHMOND, Portland, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1919

Seventy-third Annual.

LEBANON.

January 21.

RICHARD T. HUGUS, Grand Master.

Grand Master Hugus opened his address with the quotation of his predecessor regarding war conditions, which he follows up with an eloquent address to his companions upon "the dawning of a better day when justice and right triumph over error and shame." He also whispers the following words of caution and good counsel in the ears of his brothers:

But our task is not yet finished and we should not forget the fact that there is oftentimes more danger in the triumphs of peace than in the prosecution of war. It is morally so much easier to be an

idealist in distress than in triumph, to prepare for victory than to use the fruits of victory, to make war than to lay the foundations for a wise peace. In our own country as well as in others Junkerism too obviously raised its head and Radicalism too readily advertises Utopias.

We are standing today in the gray dawn of the greatest era of the world's history. The poet has well said:

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling—
To be living is sublime."

We are indeed entering upon a new era of life; old things have passed away and behold all things have become new. Our great task is the rebuilding of the world upon the broad foundation of truth, justice and equity. For the drama of the world's battlefield means nothing less and can mean nothing less than a triumphant peace for all mankind. And truly the sacred blood of our noble sons will have been spilt in vain in Belgium and in France if their noble service of love and sacrifice will not mean the world's salvation. And the call comes to us as Master Masons to aid not only in the building of a temple of wood and stone, but rather to aid in the building of a temple of human freedom for the whole world. A temple in which every vestige of inhuman autocracy shall be overthrown. A world in which we all shall be privileged to live as uncrowned kings and queens.

The remainder of the address deals mostly with matters of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer reports the comfortable balance of \$4,252.38 and \$5,000.00 invested in good security.

Grand Recorder Martenis reports a total membership of 7,818, with a net gain of 445. All councils except three did work and most councils made gains in membership. Pennsylvania allowed \$500.00 for use of the Grand Master to enable him to make visitations, with his officers; \$90.00 to the Chairman of Correspondence Committee and \$1,000 salary to the Grand Recorder.

Grand Recorder Martenis wrote the Report on Correspondence, reviewing Michigan for 1918. He quotes very liberally

with approval from the report of Grand Master Hale where he read the riot act to some of our councils.

W. LAWRENCE KALMEYER, Pittsburg, Grand Master.
FRANK W. MARTENIS, South Bethlehem, Grand Recorder.

SCOTLAND, 1919

EDINBURGH.
THE EARL OF CASSILLIS, Grand Master.

June 20.

The Earl of Cassillis is the Grand Master and this Grand Council is organized something on the order of "Texas Plan", or perhaps more properly speaking on the plan adopted in Virginia and West Virginia, that is it is subject to the Grand Chapter and officered by the same officers. During the June Quarterly of the Grand Chapter a session of the Grand Council was opened in ample form, and the following is taken from the record:

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A session thereof was opened in ample form.

Thereupon M. E. Companion D. Lowe Turnbull, Grand Scribe N., rising in his place, addressed Grand Council:

"Most Excellent First Principal: A very pleasant duty devolves upon me to-day, firstly, in offering you a very hearty welcome on your return among us; and secondly, in presenting to you a humble token of esteem and respect on the part of a section of our companions. In pre-war times a certain type of demagogue was wont to enlarge on the iniquity of the aristocracy and governing class, alleging that, like the lillies of the field, they toiled not neither did they spin, and there was no good in them. To-day our nobility have proved the futility of such claptrap by noble deeds on the battlefield and patient and uncomplaining endurance of suffering, cheerfully emulating the hardy sons of the soil in quiet and undramatic self-sacrifice. From the King on his throne downwards throughout the nation honour and duty have been the watchwords, and we rejoice, Most Excellent, that you have honourably and faithfully played your part in the world's struggle against militarism. Many of our number have followed your example and joined the flag; some alas will never return—others, by

sacrifice of limb, will always bear visible proof of devotion to the great cause. Several of us, incapacitated by age or physical defects, have had to stay at home and 'Carry on' in our own spheres of labour. Our great work in Supreme Grand Chapter has been the resuscitation and the Cryptic Series of degrees, and I am proud to be able to tell you that our progress has been so extensive that we are now, I think, the third largest Grand Council in existence; it is therefore no mean body of men who now greet you as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Grand Council or Scotland. To celebrate this happy consummation, the majority of the Cryptic Councils in our Constitution have joined in presenting to you this jewel of a Past T. I. M. to remind you that during your reign this great work was inaugurated, and also as a mark of our appreciation for the earnest and highly capable manner in which you have handled the affairs of Supreme Grand Chapter. We wish you every good thing in life; of our loyalty you are long since assured, and I now ask Col. Spence, in the name of the contributing Councils of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters, to pin this jewel on your breast."

This having been done, amid applause, the Grand Master, in a few words, expressed his appreciation and thanks.

"I have beside me a replica of the jewel just presented, which I now, on behalf of the same Cryptic Councils, offer for the acceptance of our Grand Scribe E. As many of you are no doubt aware, our Grand Scribe E. took the leading part in the resuscitation of the degrees connected with Cryptic Masonry. In the first instance he procured all the possible information about ritual, and the various secrets connected with each degree, and also the Chair degree of Thrice Illustrious Master. This information he put on paper in the form of a very elaborate ritual—so elaborate indeed that it has been found necessary for practical purposes to carve it according to the ideas of suitable working prevailing in individual chapters, but the complete work is highly interesting as a compendium of reliable information regarding the degrees. Not content with merely clerical work, Grand Scribe E. has made pilgrimage north, south, east, and west, over the length and breadth of Scotland, to introduce and exemplify the proper working of the degrees, and in great measure we have to thank those missionary efforts for the remarkable spread of the cult of the Cryptic. Some of us he has dragged at his chariot wheels, and though protesting we would make this time the last, yet, thanks to his personality, the good work has gone on and we have returned again and again to our labours in the secret vault. In the name of the members of the Cryptic Councils of Scotland, I now request you,

Most Excellent First Principal, to honour us and the Grand Scribe E. by pinning this jewel on his breast."

This having been done, the Grand Recorder gave a short resume of the progress of the Order under Scottish jurisdiction, and expressed his deep appreciation of the honour and recognition of his work.

The Grand Council was then closed.

EARL OF CASSILLIS, Edinburg, M. I. Grand Master.

ALFRED A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY, Edinburg, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1919

Sixtieth Annual.

GREENVILLE.

April 18.

KENNETH BAKER, Grand Master.

A good looking Shriner sits in the Master's chair meditating how he can finish his job. This is what we gather from the half-tone frontispiece. Before starting in on the business, it was resolved that the officers and representatives be allowed actual railroad fare and per diem, if they were not already provided for. On account of the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, the address was read by a Deputy Grand Master. On account of business he had been too busy to make visits and Grand Recorder Hart had done them for the Grand Master. Three councils were started under dispensation. Grand Master granted thirty dispensations for various purposes. Grand Recorder Hart also represented the Grand Master at the George Washington National Memorial Association and this is a part of his report:

A tentative plan was suggested as to how the fund should be raised to build this memorial, and after due deliberation it was on the second day finally adopted. This plan was to divide the country into districts. A State chairman will then be appointed to report direct to the district chairman, and then sufficient subchairmen for each State will be appointed to co-operate with the State chairman, so each companion of the Cryptic Rite will have an opportunity offered to him to make a contribution to this worthy cause.

I wish it were so that each one of the Cryptic Rite could visit

one of these conventions in order that they might realize the importance of the work of this association. In my humble judgment this is one of the greatest movements that the Masons have ever undertaken. Instead of this memorial being only a monument of brick and stone, it is contemplated that within it shall be housed the finest Masonic library to be in existence, in charge of competent custodians, that will make this the mecca of Masonry in the Western Hemisphere.

Brother John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, has been appointed and accepted the chairmanship of an advisory committee looking towards the raising of these funds, and this alone is practically a guarantee that the object will soon be attained. It is contemplated to put on the drive about September.

The many kindnesses and courtesies shown by the local members to the delegates while in Alexandria but go to prove the wonderful spirit of Masonry that pervades that section.

In closing let me say that too much emphasis on the work of this Association cannot be made.

The Grand Recorder in his statistical table shows 243 greeted, a membership of 1,798, making a gain of 218. A very fine showing indeed.

The Finance Committee appropriated \$3.50 per day for two days and mileage for certain members who were not otherwise provided for; \$75.00 for expenses of a representative to George Washington Association; \$100.00 for Foreign Correspondence; \$300.00 for Grand Recorder's salary and \$60.00 for assistant.

A very touching memorial was presented to the memory of Grand Chaplain Robert Edward Turnipseed.

Now we come to the trimmings. "Correspondence Report of my friend James L. Michie." He had dated it April 1st. Now draw no conclusion or odious comparison from that, for like the predecessors, this report is complete throughout from soup to nuts. He does delight in poking a sharp stick into some of the other fellows and stirring up the animals. He gives a review of Michigan for 1918 and states that Companion Hale paints by no means a rosy condition of Cryptic Masonry in his jurisdiction. Well, James, we did have a spell of downheartedness and it was just such work as Companion

Hale did that started us on the up-road. Please note our statistical table this year in contrast. He asks this question:

When does the Cryptic Rite of Michigan appear "in public in the company of other Past Grand Officers of the other Grand Bodies," Charlie?

At the funerals of Grand or Past Grand Officers who once were also members in other Grand Bodies.

Under Ohio he pitches into Nels Williams because he is not in favor of George Washington Monument and then picks him up for the Super Excellent degree as follows:

Companion Williams is enthusiastic over the Super Excellent; thinks the term we applied to it, viz: bastard, motherless child without a father," rather strong language, and says we should at least tolerate it for its beautiful lessons. Well, now, Companion Williams, you, yourself, say, "Of course, we do not claim for it any Masonic origin;" then as its father is not Masonic, and it is not mothered by anyone, it must be what we in the South call a "Wood's Colt," i. e., a bastard, motherless child.

He wonders what kind of a child the Texas Plan is that we follow. Well, it is a legally adopted child of our Grand Chapter, mother and child being devoted to each other, always ready to promote each other's welfare.

Yet under Washington he does acknowledge himself ready to receive more light.

Well, it's not surprising he would like to know more about the degree which seems to be helping out the Cryptic Rite up in these woods.

KENNETH BAKER, Greenwood, Grand Master.

O. FRANK HART, Columbia, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1919

Sixty-ninth Annual.

NASHVILLE.

January 27.

JOSEPH W. McDANIEL, SR., Grand Master.

The Grand Master opened his address with these very appropriate words:

The greatest war in the history of the world has been waged and won—won by those who believe in law and order, justice and mercy, and therefore, in accordance with the will of Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme.

Reflection spreads before us again the pall of night that hung over us—and the civilized world—during the meeting, proceedings and adjournment of the last Grand Council. And the picture of that holocaust of fire and bloodshed, of deportation, outrage and death of the pure, innocent and helpless, will never pass from the minds of those who saw and read of its horrors, never before recorded in human history. But when awakened, the hosts of Gideon appeared,

"Lafayette, we are here!"

and with the dauntless courage of American manhood, that as against a foreign foe never turned back, smote the dragon, sent him in flight to the jungle, the lair of the wild beast, with a fate yet unknown, and autocracy to oblivion.

And night was gone and twilight and dawn stood in solemn embrace, and a new light shone and a new day was born, and the world applauded the heroes who fought, shed its tears over the graves of those who fell, gave its blessing to the Red Cross, the beautiful Angel of Mercy, that gave to the physically suffering relief—and pronounced a solemn benediction over them all.

Now we find before us a broader field of duty that our labors may spread and perpetuate the principles of liberty, peace and prosperity; and may the harvest of that sowing be *The Brotherhood of Man.*

He further gives some incidental remarks which were good and apply to any other jurisdiction. They are as follows:

I am glad to be able to state, upon authority of our Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, that, partially at least, by reason of our economy during the past year, we are now about even with the world financially. Let us see to it that such a deplorable condition of poverty shall not exist in the future. Right here let me whisper to you a secret—listen! The way to keep out of debt is expressed in three words—**WORK AND SAVE**. Go out after the Royal Arch Mason—get him, and bring him in through the Secret Vault, that he may receive his diploma in Ancient Craft Masonry. And then be slow in giving your money away—provide first for your own household. It is a shame, it should be beneath our dignity, to require our Grand Officers to perform their labors without prompt remuneration.

Grand Treasurer Woodward and Grand Recorder Smart deserve

all praise and honor and pay for the very efficient manner in which they conduct the business of their respective offices, the details and final solution of their many problems requiring much labor and attention on their part. Their salaries must not be cut short in order to meet any deficit. Instead of making these faithful servants bear the burden, how much better and nobler it would be for each of us, individually, to ward off financial embarrassment by meeting the exigency from our private purses if need be. Our Committee on Correspondence, the faithful Flenniken, should be liberally compensated for his toil. The information he gathers from over the world for our benefit, his spicy comments, interspersed occasionally with a happy poetical effusion, make a copy of our Annual Proceedings worth while—especially when sitting before our cozy home firesides. Doubtless many of you can join me in saying:

I'm not a writer—I'm not a speaker,
But I am a reader and a seeker
After true Masonic Light,
And as I read, and as I seek,
Day after day and week after week,
My mind becomes bright,
And my heart grows light,
Because I love and study Masonry.

A Mason that reads is a Mason of deeds. Companions, brace up, pay up, and read up!

He recommended that each council be required to appoint and authorize a companion to solicit petitions and that he be paid for expense and time, if necessary, but the recommendation was not approved. He closes his address with: "A last word—Prerequisite."

Away with the question of prerequisite! Hands off ye Cryptic Masons! Let us stand by and advocate Ancient Craft Masonry. Let Modern Freemasonry, as set forth in the orders of the Temple, do just as it pleases. We should attend to our own affairs and nothing more. We should strictly perform our duty. And what is our duty along this line? It is to counsel and advise Master Masons to complete the Masonic Course, and not turn to the right or to the left. What is the Masonic Course? It consists of ten degrees, separated into three Grand Divisions, viz:

Symbolic Masonry—E. A., F. C., and M. M., 3 degrees.

Capitular Masonry—Mark M., Past M., M. E. M., and R. A. M., 4 degrees.

Cryptic Masonry—Royal M., Select M., and S. E. M., 3 degrees.
Aggregating a total of 10 degrees.

Your Masonic education is not complete, your Masonic career cannot be rounded out, unless you pass through these degrees in regular consecutive order. A great injustice is done the high school boy when his father takes him out, or permits him to quit, at the end of the seventh grade. So does a Mason do himself a grievous wrong when he leaves Masonry at the end of the seventh degree. He who does this is not a true student of Freemasonry.

The Committee on Jurisprudence said:

"Prerequisite.—We agree with the Grand Master in regard to this. However, let us bury it in the Secret Vault, and may it lie buried there for 470 years—or more.

Companion Flenniken sharpens his pencil and wades into the Correspondence Report. First he notes that "Arkansas still lags behind with its 698 members, and the Grand Recorder an officer in the General Grand Council."

Answering a criticism for giving so many statistics he says that it is done with the purpose to arouse the companions within his own jurisdiction who might say: "If such and such a State having no more Royal Arch Masons than we have, can gain members, so can we." That's right companion, go to it. Stir up the animals.

JOSEPH FENNINBERG, Jackson, Grand Master.
CHAS. H. SMART, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1919

Thirteenth Annual.

WACO.
W. C. W. McKEE, Grand Master.

December 1.

The Grand Master reports that six councils were instituted during his term of office, three of them in person and three by proxy; he also issued a dispensation for the formation of one new council located at Bay City. He has this to say regarding the Super Excellent degree which was introduced

into that jurisdiction during the war by Major H. Endley, Grand Master of Ohio, and then with the troops on the borders.

I have had several requests during the year from other Grand Jurisdictions to confer this degree on our companions sojourning within their limits, and being convinced in my own mind that Masonic degrees never did and never will injure anyone, I gladly made the request in each instance, and am happy to report to you that my request was in each instance complied with.

Having witnessed the conferring of the Super-Excellent Master degree in the city of Dallas, by Dallas Council No. 18, I wish to say here and now that it is very impressive as well as instructive, and I only wish and hope for the time when more of our councils will take an active interest in it and confer it at least once during each year.

Of the general condition of the local councils he says:

So far as my knowledge goes, the local councils are in a prosperous condition, virtually keeping up with the chapters in conferring degrees, except in a few instances, so we are able to report practically 100 per cent greetings, with reference to the exaltations, which is by far the greatest per cent known to any Grand Jurisdiction, and is made so no doubt by what is known as the "Texas" plan, for every Royal Arch Mason knows that the Royal Arch degree is hard to understand without the simplifying knowledge of the Select Master degree.

This Grand Council spreads out its sessions over three days, which in that respect I think exceeds any other Grand Council, as the majority are able to do all their work in one day. The following is a sample of freak legislation:

Article 117—Jurisdiction—The territorial jurisdiction of each council shall extend to and be concurrent with the nearest council in any direction; provided, that no council shall have jurisdiction beyond a straight line connecting two nearer councils.

The Report on Correspondence is the second written by Companion P. M. Riley. Michigan for 1919 is fraternally reviewed. He quotes in full "The American's Creed" which he found in the opening of our proceedings. He gives this writer the honor of presenting his "Sixtieth Annual Review". Well hardly, Companion Riley, that would make me somewhat more

of a veteran than I am, but just change it to sixteen and it will be nearer.

F. N. SHEELY, Commerce, Grand Master.
THOMAS M. BARTLEY, Waco, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1919

Sixty-sixth Annual.

BURLINGTON.

June 10.

HARLEY T. SEAVER, Grand Master.

Distinguished guests, Grand Master Keith and Past Grand Master Benton of Grand Council of Massachusetts were received and welcomed. The Grand Master found what many others have done, that the work of all the Masonic bodies in every town, falls on about the same men and is a tax on their time and attention. The only remedy suggested, "Let us thank them for their loyalty and support and may their tribe increase." Differing from many others, he does not report his dispensations in detail but refers his readers to "the record on file in the office of the Grand Recorder." Now if you are interested, go look it up.

The Grand Lecturer appears to be the whole thing in that jurisdiction. Like many others he finds it quite the custom in many places to let things go at loose ends during most of the year and then hold a big meeting at which time the degrees are worked on as many available candidates as can be assembled for the purpose. He then goes on to say:

It often happens on these occasions that the chairs are filled by past officers, who, from experience or greater familiarity with the work doubtless leave a better impression on the candidate than if the work were performed by the present incumbents in office. Yet it is a question if this practice is commendable. It would seem to your Grand Lecturer that it tends to carelessness in selection of officers; that it leads to slackness in the holding of meetings at regular intervals; that, above all, it gives the impression to those who have not taken these council degrees that they are largely perfunctory, or they

would receive that same intimate attention that is accorded to the work in other branches of Masonry.

Almost against his will he has become personally convinced that an edict requiring prerequisite would be only right and just and for the best interest of Masonry in general. He is confirmed in the belief that it would be advisable to divide the State into districts and hold district meetings. In this way, a dormant council would receive inspiration as well as knowledge from more active companions and the Grand Officers have a better opportunity of meeting with the membership throughout the jurisdiction. He figures it is just as easy and takes no more time to review the work before officers and interested members of four or five councils than before one. I quote a summary of his conclusion, as follows:

It was undoubtedly a wise provision of this Grand Council when it placed all official visitations with a Grand Lecturer instead of delegating this to various officers, as was formerly the custom. But the idea that the one who makes these official calls is on a visit of inspection, with a code of rules in one hand and a switch in the other, is erroneous.

That is not the province of your Grand Lecturer, nor is he appointed for any such purpose. His work is, or should be, wholly constructive.

His office is to furnish advice and instruction, to correct irregularities if any be found, but of much greater importance to anticipate and prevent deviations from established rules and customs.

I am firmly of the opinion that the Grand Lecturer should not wait until toward the end of the Masonic year to make his official calls; when councils are about to change to new officers; with all work finished for that season, and any possible errors firmly established by constant recurrence; to be feted and dined, and make a pleasant little speech complimentary of the work and the reception accorded him. Far better would it be to make all possible visitations early in the fall.

A committee was appointed to formulate and adopt a form of "Permissible Work in the Royal Master degree," whatever that is. I had supposed all of the Royal Master degree was "permissible work."

Companion Crowell is the author of the Report on Cor-

respondence and offered a good review of thirty-five jurisdictions. He devotes over two pages to Michigan for 1918 and quotes at length from Grand Master Hale's address. He perpetrates a pun on River Raisin Council and wonders if it has any reference to "raisin' of—well never mind, pass on." He notes the review of membership of our councils during the past ten years indicates strongly that Michigan's practice of some Masters holding office from 17 to 24 years is not a glittering success.

HENRY L. BALLOU, Chester, Grand Master.

HENRY R. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1919

Twenty-fourth Annual.

ELLENSBURG.

May 7.

ALFRED J. J. ROSS, Grand Master.

Companion Endslove was present to represent Michigan.

The Grand Master notes his year was cut to eight months by reason of change of time of meeting, but he was very busy during the term of his incumbency. He constituted a new council at Seattle and installed the officers. He divided the jurisdiction into eight arches with an inspector over each. The reports proved to him that the system is a means to bring about the results looked for in efforts to improve the councils of the jurisdiction. On the subject of "State of Rite" he has this to say:

I found in traveling through as much of the State as I was able to cover that there is a little lagging in our Rite. I am frank to state, in spite of all the arguments pro and con, that I don't think we will get the desired result by making the Council degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. Those who have read my article on "York Rite Masonry", printed in the Masonic Tribune, Seattle, know how I feel about this matter, and it need not be repeated here.

I do believe that the Cryptic Rite can come into its own only by

individual work on the part of every companion that has received the light in the Royal Vault.

The greatest restraint to our growth and success, I find, is that so many of our officers are looking for the "Honors" rather than for privilege to serve. There is only one reason why I ever accepted an official position in any Masonic body, and that is because with it go both responsibility and privilege to work—to get in touch with men whom I could not otherwise reach; in other words, to make it a means to an end, and that is to be of service to those who are in distress and need a cheerful word or a little advice, or probably only a hand-clasp and a "God bless you". The sooner those who fill the chairs in the various Masonic bodies realize the responsibilities of their position, the sooner will we reach our goal.

Another trouble, I find, is the overworking of men who may be giving good service in the blue lodge or chapter, or both, by loading them down with the cares of the council. This, to my mind, is an error. Don't "ride the willing horse to death", but pick men who do not hold offices in the other bodies and can therefore give you "unlimited service."

Some very valuable assets in Masonic bodies are promptness in opening, precision in the ritualistic ceremonies, cheerful dispositions, and thoughtfulness in consideration of the companions on the sidelines, being especially courteous to visitors. If you will try these for six months in your council, I believe you will find a vast improvement in the morale and attendance of your membership, as compared to the conditions in the councils where they are not practiced. The work in this jurisdiction, however, is fair, although perhaps not as good as it should be, nor as I hope to see it.

He recommended that the expenses of Seattle Council in conferring the Super Excellent degree at the annual assembly, be paid by Grand Council, which was done; he also recommended that mileage and per diem be paid to their representative to General Grand Council and also that when two or more councils have concurrent jurisdiction they notify each other of the petitions received before the ballot is spread, but neither of these were approved. Grand Recorder Tyler reported twelve active councils at work and one under dispensation; a total membership of 1,478; net gain 29. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It is desirable that Master Masons should be supplied

with some general information concerning the purposes and beauties of York Rite Masonry; and

Whereas, Literature of this sort is not usually available in convenient form for distribution; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by our M.'.I.I.' Grand Master to act with similar committees of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and Grand Commandery, K. T., to compile, print and furnish to our constituent councils some such literature; the constituent councils to pay one-half the cost of such literature ordered by them for distribution.

This Grand Council is one of the few which pay mileage and per diem for annual assemblies. They also appropriated \$100.00 for actual expenses of inspecting the several arches.

Companion Edwin F. Tyler, the son of the Grand Recorder, does the actual labor in preparing the Correspondence Report. He notes the early closing of the work due to change in time of meeting. I presume that is the reason Michigan was left out in the cold.

JACOB H. MILLER, Wenatchee, Grand Master.

HORACE W. TYLER, Tacoma, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1919

Sixty-second Annual.

MILWAUKEE.

February 19.

E. T. SAFFORD, Grand Master.

The list of Grand Officers would indicate that many of these companions were so unfortunate as to be started out in life by their mother with only initials for names, or these very important handles the Grand Recorder would have had printed, although he is particular to give his own first name in full. Come, William, make them give up their first names and put them on record.

The Grand Master opens his address with the following:

Our love of freedom was our reason for entering that contest and using every influence the American people could bring to bear to combat the plot of force to annihilate law, honor, and liberty.

Justice is now laboring to right the injustice weighing on those

invaded lands, and the brutal customs of military monarchy are being brought to an end.

Some of those who deliberately planned this war are already suffering in some measure the punishment that should be meted out to them all.

In the ten years they have added two new councils to the list and in the same time have lost two, with one about to give up from lack of interest. He counts about one hundred chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the State and thirty councils. Michigan can beat that by 155 to 69.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended the recall of two charters. The statistical table shows that the present membership is 4,152; a net gain of 32.

E. T. SAFFORD, Superior, Grand Master.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

